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NEW RED MOVE DEVELOPING

Peiping Believed To Be Next Objective RESPITE FOR NANKING?

Nanking, December 7.
The sudden switch of the battle from Nanking to the Honan-Anhui-Kiangsu border region, where elements of three Nationalist Army groups are engaged by numerous Communist columns, is regarded far less optimistically by informed observers than by ever cheerful, consistently hopeful official Government bulletins.

The Communists' 50-mile North West march in the Pengpu region, taking them about 170 miles from the capital, was officially hailed as a retreat which the Nationalists were trying to intercept.

Events now show that the move was obviously deliberate on the part of the Communists, who are attempting to deal with the forces in their rear before trying to move onward to Nanking.

Ammunition, Petrol Go Up In Blast

Peiping, December 7.
The petrol dump at the Chinese Air Force field, 7 miles South of Peiping, blew up on Monday night with a roar that shook windows and doors throughout the city.

Army headquarters said the cause of the explosion was accidental. One guard at the field reported many dead, but another said there were no casualties.

The explosion which destroyed vital aviation petrol and ammunition at Peiping's South Field could not have occurred at a worse time.

The field, situated in Nanyuan, was the main Nationalist Air Force base in North China.

Planes based there operated both against the Reds closing in toward General Fu Tso-yi's positions in Hopei and against those besieging Tangian, capital of Shensi.

Even there, too, roads against the former Manchurian corridor through which the Red commander Lin Biao was moving troops into Hopei, were blasted.

The explanation by General Fu's headquarters that the first explosion occurred during the sorting out of ammunition raised the question: Were the newly arrived arms part of American consignments supposed to have been shipped direct to North China for use by General Fu's armies? General Fu did not answer this question, nor did he like to comment.—Associated Press.

COUPLE ROBBED IN WANCHAI

A man and a woman, while walking along Gloucester Road in Wanchai, at about 8.45 p.m. last night, were held up near Marsh Road by a band of robbers.

One of the robbers appeared to be armed with a revolver. The man was seized from behind and deprived of a wrist watch, a fountain pen and some money to the total value of HK\$110.

The police were on the spot almost immediately after the incident. No arrest has yet been made.

The Weather

At 0800 GMT the typhoon was centred 250 miles E of Luzon moving WNW at 10 knots and probably weakening. A deep and intensifying depression is moving ENE from the S Kuriles and pressure is falling rapidly over N China and Japan as the Siberian anticyclone spreads E and SE.

Today's Forecast: Winds moderate or fresh Easterly. Cloudy, some early drizzle.

Yesterday's Weather:—

Maximum 80.0 deg. F. Minimum 65.2 deg. F. Rainfall 0.5 in. Dew Point 68.2 deg. F. Humidity 85 per cent. Rainfall Trace. Total since Jan. 1—247.8 mm.—07.45 in. as against an average of 211.7 mm.—8.34 in.

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Allied Councillors Surprised At U.S. Court's Order

Tokyo, December 7.
Mr. Patrick Shaw, British Commonwealth member of the Allied Council for Japan, today declared that the United States Supreme Court's decision to review the death sentences of two of Japan's top war criminals was a surprising step toward undermining of Allied Military Tribunal prestige.

A spokesman for the Chinese representative on the Council likewise said he was surprised at the American Court's action.

The Russian member, Lieutenant General K. N. Dorevanko, was reported by a Russian spokesman to be too busy today to comment on the matter.

Coins For HK Being Minted

Ten cent and five cent coins to replace notes are now being minted in England.

They will be made of nickel brass and will have a security edge—an indentation which makes forgery difficult.

A Government spokesman said yesterday that it was not yet known when they will be ready for circulation.

SCAP Has No Comment

News of the Supreme Court's decision was flashed to Tokyo in the early hours of this morning. At that time, General MacArthur's Public Information Officer, Colonel M.P. Nichols, said there was no comment on the situation. He has issued no statement since then.

Dangerous Precedent

"Such a dangerous precedent will certainly have a deep effect on future co-operation and mutual trust among nations," he added.

There was no immediate reaction from General MacArthur. A high officer close to General MacArthur told the United Press, none of the seven condemned top Japanese war criminals would be executed until the United States Supreme Court had acted on the Dohara-Hiron appeal.

Kenji Dohara's family has requested that Dohara's American counsel, Franklin Warren, be flown to the United States to appear before the Supreme Court on behalf of the condemned man. There was no indication whether Mr. Warren would go.

High officials immediately began a close study of press reports on the Supreme Court's action in deciding to review the appeals. It was presumed that General

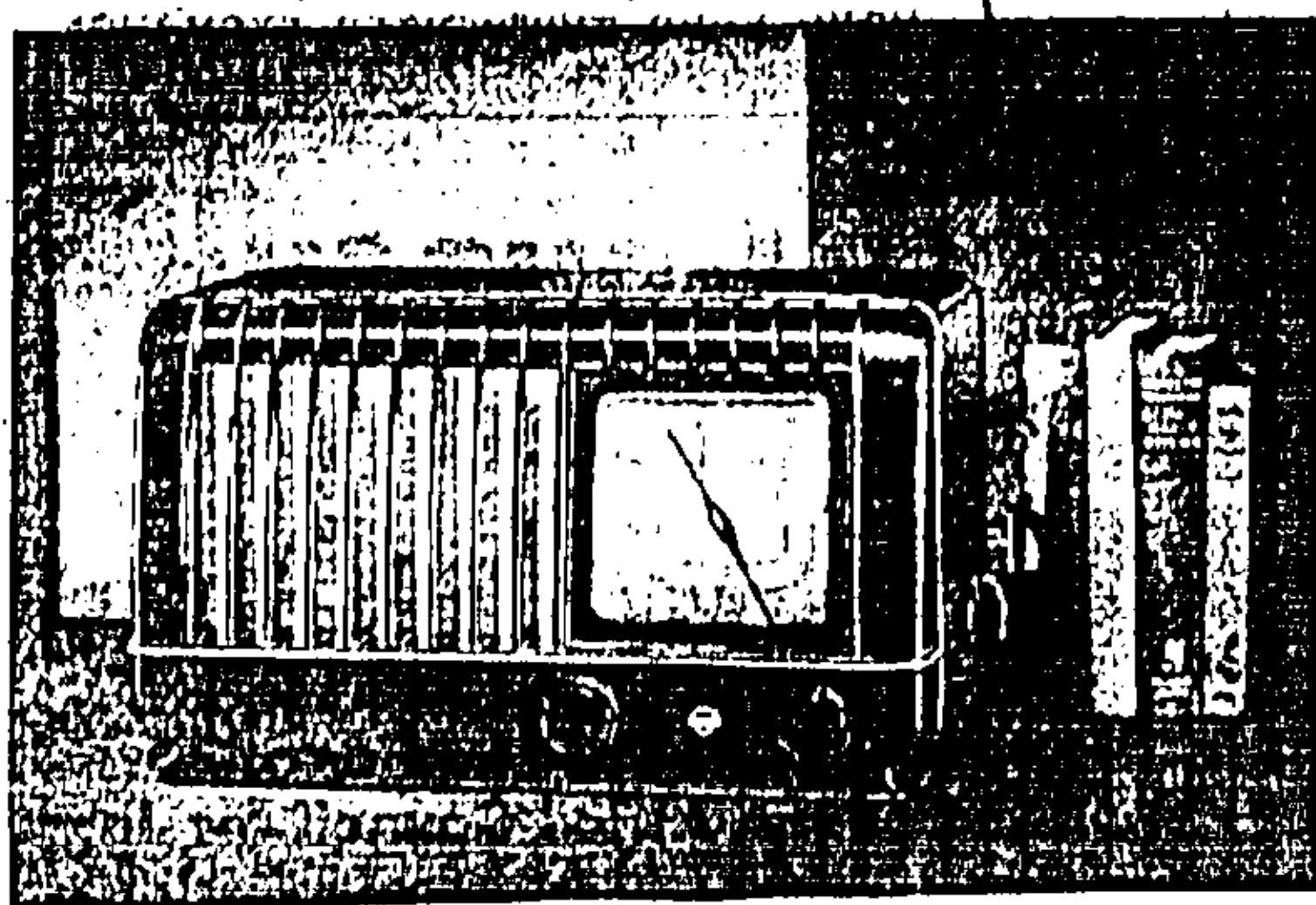
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Wingsang Arrives

Mainly non-essentials, comprising Commonwealth citizens, some Indians, and a sprinkling of European nationals, 182 foreign adults and 22 children and 131 Chinese arrived here yesterday by the British steamer Wingsang from Tientsin.

Specially assigned for the mission, the steamer had good sailing during the five-day trip from Taku Bar direct to Hong Kong. En route she was escorted as far as Shanghai by HMS Comus. Further precaution was taken when an anti-piracy group from HMS London augmented the Russian guards aboard.

Many of the arrivals, who have spent from two months to several years in Tientsin, discredited news agency reports of violent rioting, anti-foreignism and mass looting as being prevalent up North.

"It is sheer rubbish, and endangers the existing but thinning goodwill between the Chinese and foreigners there," the majority told the "China Mail."

Most of the evacuees are departing for home, Canada, the Philippines and Australia soon. Those who have relatives and friends in the Colony disembarked earlier yesterday.

About 50 are being accommodated at the Sailors and Soldiers' Home and the Sailors and Seamen's Institute. In the meantime, it is understood, some of the homeless are seeking accommodation elsewhere.

The arrivals included staff and dependents of the Methodist Missionary Society, Danish Consulate, Asiatic Petroleum Company, Chartered Bank, Kailan Mining Administration, Jardine, Matheson, American Chinese Company (Ford Agents), and the Irish Vincentian Order Mission.

"The only visible indication of the looming war in the city are the hundreds of disarmed Nationalist soldiers, who were escorted by the Chinese Reds along the Manchurian front," those interviewed by the "China Mail" said.

These ragged, roaming bands crowd food shops, clamouring for food. They pester pedestrians for money and cause frequent traffic jams in Tientsin streets when they hold up cars begging for cash. Europeans and Chinese alike fell victim to the "passive mobbing," they related.

Rumours Prevail

Tientsin today is pregnant with mostly unfounded rumours, which are increasing the already prevailing confusion.

"Don't you believe what they say about anti-foreignism up North," most of them frowned. "It's sheer rubbish. To a casual visitor the city is quiet and everything is going on just like here."

There has been no mass rioting or looting. But, they admitted, some soldiers had forced their way into shops and took away foodstuffs. This occurred very seldom, however.

"So far I have heard of one organised looting," an evacuee told the "China Mail." Two sol-

diers begged food from a well-to-do family but were refused. They returned with about 100 comrades and looted the Chinese house, but without molesting the family, the source said.

The majority of the soldiers is from South China, some told the "China Mail." Hungry and penniless, they roam the streets picking up cigarette stubs and collecting whatever food they can.

Wearing their tattered uniform, some still blood-stained, they attempted on several occasions to gatecrash into ships leaving for the South. But, they were restrained at pistol point by preventive officers at the Pier.

With the increasing cold there have been several cases of exposure. Death by starvation is not uncommon. Some soldiers have gone to the extent of exposing their dead comrades on the streets to indicate their plight.

The curfew, with the deadline at midnight, hardly affects the population, evacuees said. The shops at 9 p.m., but pedicabs operate till a few minutes before midnight.

Movie houses and other entertainment places are open as usual, although some closing earlier.

Critical Threat

Foreign businessmen, most of them virtually domiciled in China, are facing a critical threat brought about by the Nationalist "scorched-earth policy." Foreign installations lying in the path of the advancing Chinese Red forces are in danger of being demolished should the Government neglect to recognise their neutrality.

The majority of Tientsin's businessmen, however, are sticking it out to the last, a prominent businessman asserted. Most of them feel that their consulates will look after their interests in the event of Red occupation. Most of the foreign firms are leaving their representatives to carry on.

Their dependents have been evacuated. But many Chinese shops have closed down.

"The man in the street up North desires neither the Chiang nor the Red regime," a well-informed source declared. They are anti-Red but certainly not pro-Government, he said. All that the ordinary layman wants today is peace and stable economy.

Many of them advocate a coalition government, but without Chiang Kai-shek and without Kuomintang majority.

Churches Closed

The Church is today undergoing another critical trial in China in the face of chaotic economic conditions, civil strife and political insecurity, missionaries from North China stated on their arrival here yesterday by the ss. Wingsang.

These missionaries, representing several Christian denominations, are among the 182 foreign adults and 22 children evacuating from Peiping and Tientsin in the face of the advancing Chinese Communist forces.

Churches in Shantung and Hopei have been closed and are used as Red military and government headquarters, a missionary from the Tong Shan Methodist Mission told a "China Mail" reporter.

"I have not come into contact with the Reds yet but I received first-hand information from refugees flocking into Nationalist areas," he stated. Some reported good treatment, while there were others who complained of persecution.

The missionaries are fairly well treated but no public meetings are permitted. Christians have to worship privately at home. Beyond the helpless indignation of being compelled to listen to Red doctrine, preached at special mass public meetings, foreigners are not interfered with.

There are about 80 Catholic fathers and nuns at Hsueh-nan, other missionary declared. The nuns, he learned, have refused to leave for Shanghai, where 10 Canadian priests had already been accommodated by the mission concerned.

Several Ordeals

The Christians successfully survived several ordeals during the Japanese invasion of China, a woman missionary said. The Church will go on despite any hardships and persecutions.

At Mukden there are 10 Presbyterian missionaries, including five doctors and 10 women, the lady said. She had received no news about them since she had left Mukden, a few months before the Red occupation. A plan to transfer the mission school was frustrated by the Red entry. It was due to leave two days after the capture of Mukden.

The attitude of the Reds towards the Church depends on the individual, she commented. In big cities foreigners are better treated. There have been cases of foreign persecution in smaller villages, another missionary said.

After the departure of the foreign priests, the Chinese Christians are carrying on. Today only a skeleton foreign staff manning the different missions up North.

Due Respect

The Nationalists treat the Church with due respect and afford all facilities, he said. Today hundreds of Chinese Christians look towards the Church as a protector.

Some of the missionaries are meanwhile staying at the Sailors and Soldiers' Home, 22 Hennessy Road. They are awaiting instructions from the home missions to assign them to their new outposts. One, however, is preparing to take over his new post at Yunnan. He will leave within a month's time.

Most of them have seen Hong Kong before, and some have been in China, on and off, for six years.

There will be a free discussion at the Y's Men's Club meeting at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, at 12.45 p.m. tomorrow. The Club's Xmas Party will be held on December 18 at 2.30 p.m. at the Seon Kwong School, opposite the Lee Theatre.

Requisitioned Premises Allocated

Thirteen of the 32 vacant premises requisitioned by the Government about a month ago have been allocated.

Details of the allocation with names of the persons allotted premises follow:

No. 14, Caroline Road: Mr. Fong Yik-chong (main room) and Mr. All Noble Johnson (cockloft and back room).

No. 87, Lockhart Road (top floor): Mr. Kimson Lew (front portion) and part of verandah; and Mr. L. B. Kitchell (back portion and part of verandah).

No. 89, Lockhart Road (top floor): Mr. Lee Sik-kwan (front room) and Mr. Leung Kim-shu (back room).

No. 91, Lockhart Road (top floor): Mr. Ma Shiu-yung (front portion) and Mr. Man Hung-kwong (back portion).

No. 93, Lockhart Road (top floor): Mr. Chan Tung-pung (front portion) and Mr. Wong Chi-ping (back portion).

No. 12, Soares Avenue: Mr. Frederico Guilherme Ribeiro (first floor) and Mr. Carlos Alberto do J. Viera Ribeiro (second floor).

No. 157, Pratas Street: Mr. Li Kai-cho and Mr. Chan Lok-in (ground floor). Mr. Michael Li Kuan and Mr. To Wan-sun (first floor). Mr. Chu Kwan-ye (second floor).

No. 159, Pratas Street: Mr. Tang Hec-yin and Mr. Lau Chuen-ki (ground floor). Mr. Tang Ting-man and Mr. Lung Tung-hon (first floor). Mr. Ng Mo-wing (second floor).

No. 161, Pratas Street: Mr. Ho Shing-in and Mr. Ho Kai-cheung (ground floor). Mr. S. R. Salleh and Mr. William Kew (first floor). Mr. Richard Tsang Ping-sun (second floor).

No. 163, Pratas Street: Mr. Wong Chor-tung and Miss Grace Hui (ground floor). Mr. Chan Chiu-hung and Mr. Chan Sai-tai (first floor). Mr. Charles Kong and Mr. Cheng Wai-long (second floor).

No. 165, Pratas Street: Mr. Li Chuen and Mr. Li Cheung (ground floor). Mr. Chan Chi-fat and Mr. Lai Hau-kwong (first floor) and Mr. Lai Hin-sun (second floor).

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Evacuees having their first glimpse of Hong Kong as the British steamer Wingsang comes alongside the Jardine West Point Wharf yesterday, after a calm five-day voyage from Tientsin. To accommodate the 182 foreign adults and 22 children some of the crew's quarters were used, while others had to sleep on improvised beds.—"China Mail" Photo.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

Grievance

Sir—On November 26 you published a letter of mine in which I quoted the cost of the lease of uncontrolled premises as being as much as from \$15,000 to \$27,000 "deposit" in the form of rent paid in advance for the privilege of obtaining a lease on a flat of really exiguous proportions.

Now, I am told, the cost is \$10,000 to \$50,000 "premium" (i.e. outright key-money, without any question of an eventual refund being involved). I think we all know that there has been no proportionate increase in construction costs during the relatively short period since November 26. Again, I know of the case of uncontrolled premises constructed some two years ago. Leases were given for two years on terms that could not be described as moderate even now. These leases are now about to fall in and the landlord, infected no doubt by the example of his equals, puts forward the modest suggestion that he "might be prepared" to renew the leases for the little consideration of, say, between ten to forty thousand dollars, depending on the size of the flat concerned.

To talk of good faith in connection with people of this ilk is really a little shocking. The truth is that they have been tempted and have succumbed to the temptation offered by the difficulties of the times. Their methods are the methods of chanceless exploitation. Their mentality is the corrupt mentality of people whose minds are animated by no more respectable an emotion than that of irrepressible greed allied with a complete disregard of every consideration of public or private morality. It was precisely this mentality which contributed so largely to the ruin of Shanghai, and which is now being allowed to flourish has corrupted the body politic, and provided facile propaganda material for the spread of communism. Government might conceivably excuse a lack of interest in, or sympathy for, an emotion that is so reprehensible with other matters, but Government cannot reasonably plead that interference with gentry who show no faith in anything at all except money could possibly constitute a breach of faith.

How can the Government check honest enterprise? Inevitable control of prices of goods which are listed in the newspapers, and elsewhere from time to time has not resulted in a dearth of those goods. We now know from the editorials and letters published in the press concerning the Leighton Hill flats that it is possible to come to an approximate idea of building costs. If then, "A" is given a permit to erect building costing 15 times as much as he proceeds to sell leases of those flats in consideration of premiums which total, say \$750,000, and then charges rentals calculated to bring him in a total of, say, another \$700,000 in the course of a five year lease, surely it would not be a matter of any great difficulty to decide whether or not his return, totalling say \$1,250,000 within 5 years does or does not bear a reasonable relation to "A's" capital outlay? If Mr. Editor, a luckless restaurateur happens to overcharge a customer 5 cents for a glass of milk, there is a great to do about it in the courts and in the newspapers. If a hawk attempts to sell his wretched little stock of merchandise without a license, his bare subsistence will be put in peril—but a landlord can approach a tenant who has been paying him, say, the equivalent of £40, a month rent for two unfurnished rooms, in uncontrolled premises

for a space of two years and with an ingratiating smile intimate that for the modest consideration of a cash payment equivalent to £2,000 or more, he is "prepared" to allow the tenant to continue monthly payments of another £50 a month for, say, another two years. Are we really expected to believe that the suppression of such abuses and the imposition of some curb on reckless greed would really weaken the force of legitimate endeavour?

Indeed It Does

Sir—In the comprehensive review of the history of the Leighton Hill flats, Mr. V. Kenniff, Director of Public Works, said (regarding item 8: cost of steel shuttering for formwork): "This item may require some elucidation!"

Indeed it does. And I am very pleased to comply with Mr. V. Kenniff's request in bringing some light on this point.

Mr. V. Kenniff will remember, perhaps, that in the first half of 1950, the government bought a full shipment of Indochina lumber.

Subsequently several more shipments were effected and offers made to the government.

These offers have been turned down on account of the first shipment being sufficient for the government's building requirements.

Mr. V. Kenniff may remember too, perhaps, that in the early part of 1947—in fact, in January 1947—500,000 board feet of Douglas Fir (Oregon Pine) were stored on the premises of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.

Your readers, and perhaps, Mr. Kenniff too, may require some elucidation on the use of Douglas Fir.

Douglas Fir, precisely, is particularly adequate for "formwork" for reinforced concrete work, and incidentally is used extensively for that kind of work.

It might be conjectured, therefore, that Mr. V. Kenniff's statement "wall offers to obtain her were unfruitful" that his search for lumber must have been made in the wrong direction and that his eagerness carried him over our borders in an irresistible leap, or that he is affected with prosopopoeia for not noticing lumber lying, galore, at his lumber ranch.

Now, for some more comments on other points of this most comprehensive review.

A committee... (third paragraph of the review) was appointed by Sir Mark Young in July, 1946... in regard to the Leighton Hill site... The site should be cleared and developed with blocks of five story flats housing about 50 to 60 families.

Actually, only 20 families are housed. Taking in consideration that "the South part of the site remains available, but that it is unlikely that the foundations there, will be suitable for buildings as high as the present block of flats", about 30 families will be housed, instead of 50 to 60 families.

"This total gives a price per cubic foot of HK\$2.28... or, as stated in the previously published statement a little more than HK\$2—per cubic foot" (last paragraph).

The "little more" is, bare 14% increase.

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IRELAND SWEEPED BY FLOODS

Dublin, December 6. Torrential rainstorms have swept the North West and South West areas of Ireland in the past 24 hours. River banks were burst, cattle and horses drowned and hundreds left temporarily homeless in the worst flood in 20 years.

Boats were used in the streets of Slane, in North Tyrone, today to supply and rescue families marooned in their homes after the three local rivers, Mourne, Finn and Foyle, had overflowed, completely isolating the hilltop town.

The Finn Valley, in County Donegal, was turned into a big lake overnight. Five towns were flooded, hundreds of farmers were marooned and others left their homes for higher ground.

A fleet of boats is taking voters to the polls in East Donegal's elections tomorrow. In County Cork, in the South West, flood waters also swept away bridges and inundated several towns, including Blarney, of Blarney Stone fame. The floods were subsiding tonight. Reuter.

Japanese Textile Industry Revival

New York, December 7.

The Japanese have the will to revive their textile trade and sooner or later will do so, the New York Journal of Commerce said yesterday.

Daniel Small, the Journal's textile editor, said the Japanese textile industry ranks high in the Allied political and economic scheme for rehabilitation.

He said the industry is considered non-war, potential and historically one of the leading factors in the economy of the nation.

"Although at present, a limit of 4,000,000 spindles is established, most observers are certain that sooner or later this figure will be raised. This Japanese industry has been pressing for a revised 8,000,000 spindle figure for some time."

BULGARIA BREAKS PACT

London, December 6. Bulgaria's land forces are estimated at 87,000, although the peace treaty limited them to 56,800. Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said in the House of Commons today.

Her estimated Air Force personnel exceeds the treaty limit of 5,200, and her Air Force of 180 planes is double the strength permitted her by the treaty. The Bulgarian naval forces of 3,000 are within peace treaty specifications.

When his questioner, Brigadier A.R.A. Low, Conservative, asked: "What is the Government going to do about it?" Mr. Mayhew replied: "The enforcement of the peace treaty requires the co-operation of the Soviet Union."—Reuter.

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Lapstone, December 6.
The Dutch representatives of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East meeting here today threatened to walk out if the Indonesian Republic were admitted to membership.

A Dutch delegation official said: "We will walk out if the Indonesian application succeeds."

Norwegian Delegates In London

London, December 7.
Members of the Norwegian trade delegation were arriving by plane and boat yesterday for the opening today of monetary and trade talks with British officials.

The delegation is led by Christian Brinch of the Ministry of Trade. Other members include Thor Hildebrand, Director of the Norwegian Export Council, and Johna Melander, Commercial Counsellor to the Norwegian Embassy in London.

The principal object of the talks is to establish a trade balance between the two countries. An official of the Norwegian Ministry of Trade has said Norway hopes to maintain the same level of imports from Britain as during the present year although increasing imports increased during 1948. Associated Press.

The Indonesian Republic, in applying for associate membership—due to be debated next Wednesday—stated that she did not consider the discussions would prejudice the present negotiations between Holland and the Republic.

The membership debate is expected to lead to a sharp cleavage in the Commission. India, Pakistan, Burma, Russia, the Philippines and Australia are believed to be in favour of Indonesia's admission, with the Netherlands and France definitely against.

Britain is expected to abstain from voting. The attitude of the United States, China, Siam and New Zealand is not yet known.

Indonesia's application, which she wants settled during the present session, was discussed last week and postponed. Observers believed a further postponement is possible but not likely.

Next Meeting

The Commission decided to hold its next session at Singapore six months hence.

The Commission gave Singapore six votes, Siam four and the Philippines one.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Kirill Novikov, asked that the question be postponed to give him time to consult his government.

When the conference turned him down, Novikov put a newspaper in front of his face for the remainder of the debate. He went out to smoke a cigarette when the vote was taken.

The Siamese delegate, dapper Prince Prasabon Kulsawai, put in a strong bid to have the next session in his country, painting in glowing colours the advantages of Siam.

Pretty Girl

"We do not believe," the Prince declared, "that a pretty girl has to put on a bathing suit to show her beauty. If she is sufficiently beautiful, she will look just as well fully clothed."

An official announcement said the Viet Nam Republic in Indo-China had applied for associate membership in the Commission. The application was sent from Bangkok.

The Vietnamese still are in rebellion against the French in Indo-China, demanding independence. Reuter and Associated Press.

Macdonald Statement On Siam

Singapore, December 6.
Mr. Malcolm Macdonald, Commissioner General in South East Asia, who returned from Bangkok yesterday, said today that his talks with Siamese leaders had led to a wide understanding.

Siam and Malaya had many problems in common and the talks would produce even closer practical co-operation, he said. They had also shown once more that relations of complete harmony, based on mutual respect and friendship, exist between Siam and Britain, he added.

Political observers in Bangkok forecast an Anglo-Siamese defensive alliance against Communist activities as the outcome of the talks. Reuter.

ESTATE OF INVENTOR

London, December 6.
Sidney George Brown, the man who invented the gramophone and designed the first practical loudspeaker, left £150,761.

Brown died at his home at Sidmouth, Devon in August at the age of 75.—Reuter.

Women Produce A 'Peace Manifesto'

Budapest, December 7.

"Expose British and American militarists, industrialists and financiers who are agitating for war as brutal enemies of mankind."

This call to women was made today by 550 delegates to the second Congress of the International Federation of Democratic Women and was approved by acclamation.

The delegates claim to represent 100,000,000 women in 64 countries.

The women cheered and sang for over an hour in the Great Hall of the Hungarian Parliament after today's women's manifesto for peace was read by Madame Jeanette Vermeersch, a French Communist Deputy and wife of Maurice Thorez, Secretary General of the French Communist Party.

The manifesto, addressed to women, mothers and sisters of the whole world, said that Anglo-American fanatics of a new World War, more terrible than any in the past, are promoting arms production, creating aggressive plots, restoring German militarism and building military bases everywhere.

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TRUMAN CRITICISM OF THE GREEK ARMY

Washington, December 6.

The Greek Army failed to make a determined effort after a series of victories during the summer, President Truman said today in a report to Congress on the Greek situation.

An encouraging prospect for defeating the rebels had failed to materialise, despite the delivery of more than \$170 million worth of United States arms and supplies.

He added, however, "So far as the number of troops, supplies and equipment are concerned, the United States authorities are confident that the Greek Army, Navy and Air Force possess the capability of restoring internal security in Greece in the face of a guerrilla movement of the present proportions."

The President, who was reviewing American two-year aid programme to Greece and Turkey, said that American aid to the latter was showing definite results.

Significant progress had been made toward increasing the fire power and efficiency of the

Turkish Army, enabling it to continue to resist Communist pressure, he said.

The report covers operations of the two-year programme during the quarter of the year ending September 30.

In the preceding quarterly report, President Truman has said the aid programme to Greece was a conspicuous success.

The latest report estimates that about 22,000 guerrillas were still trying to spread ruin and demoralisation in an attempt to prepare the way to ultimate Communist domination of Greece.

The number was estimated at 15,000 when Congress voted the first aid fund for 18 months. Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—George Melachrino and His Orchestra (BBC).
1.00 p.m.—Light Classical Piano Duets.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"From the Shows".
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
2.01 p.m.—Children's Half Hour: "Bibi's Funer Chase" by W.W. Jacobs (BBC).
2.30 p.m.—The New Mayfair Orchestra Play some Waltzes.
2.40 p.m.—Terry Lou at the Piano (Radio).
2.50 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
2.55 p.m.—Songs by Helen Jepson and Lawrence Tibbett.
3.00 p.m.—"Much Binding in the Marsh" (BBC).
3.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
3.10 p.m.—Interlude.
3.15 p.m.—"It's in the Air". Variety Report.
3.15 p.m.—Programme presented by Susan Howard (Studio).
3.15 p.m.—Pittsburgh International Festival: Symphony No. 9 in G Major (Schubert)... Concertgebouw Orchestra conducted by Charles Munch (BBC).
3.30 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
3.35 p.m.—Weather Report.
3.40 p.m.—"Bonds of Time" presented by Clifford Davis (Studio).
3.45 p.m.—Music for Dancing.
3.55 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

LINDBERGH IN JAPAN

Tokyo, December 7.

Charles A. Lindbergh, pioneer American flyer and currently special assistant to the U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, has arrived in Tokyo for consultations on technical matters with air chiefs at Far East Headquarters.

A spokesman said Colonel Lindbergh would remain here for several days but plans for other visits to United States air bases in the Far East were indefinite. United Press.

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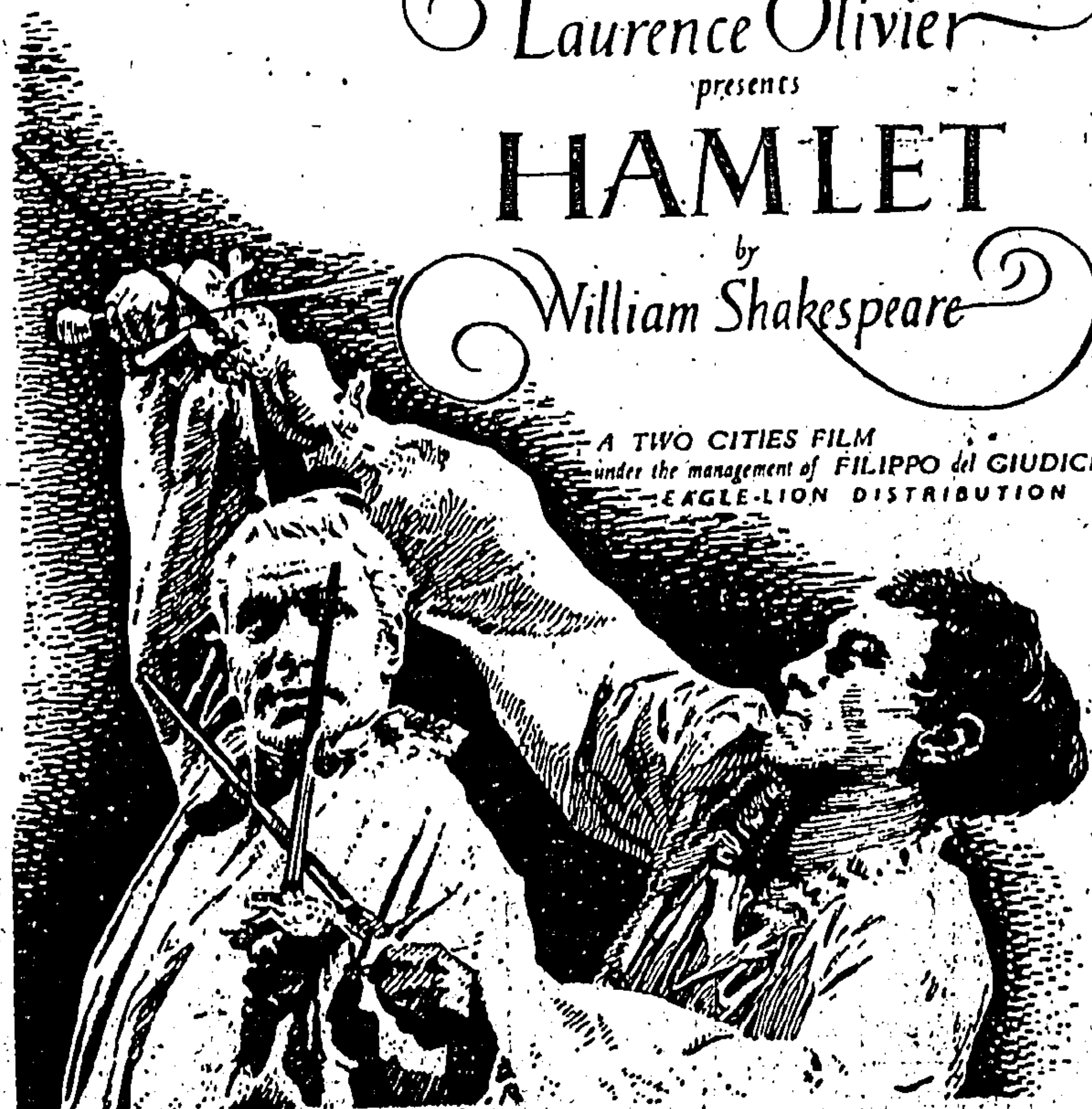
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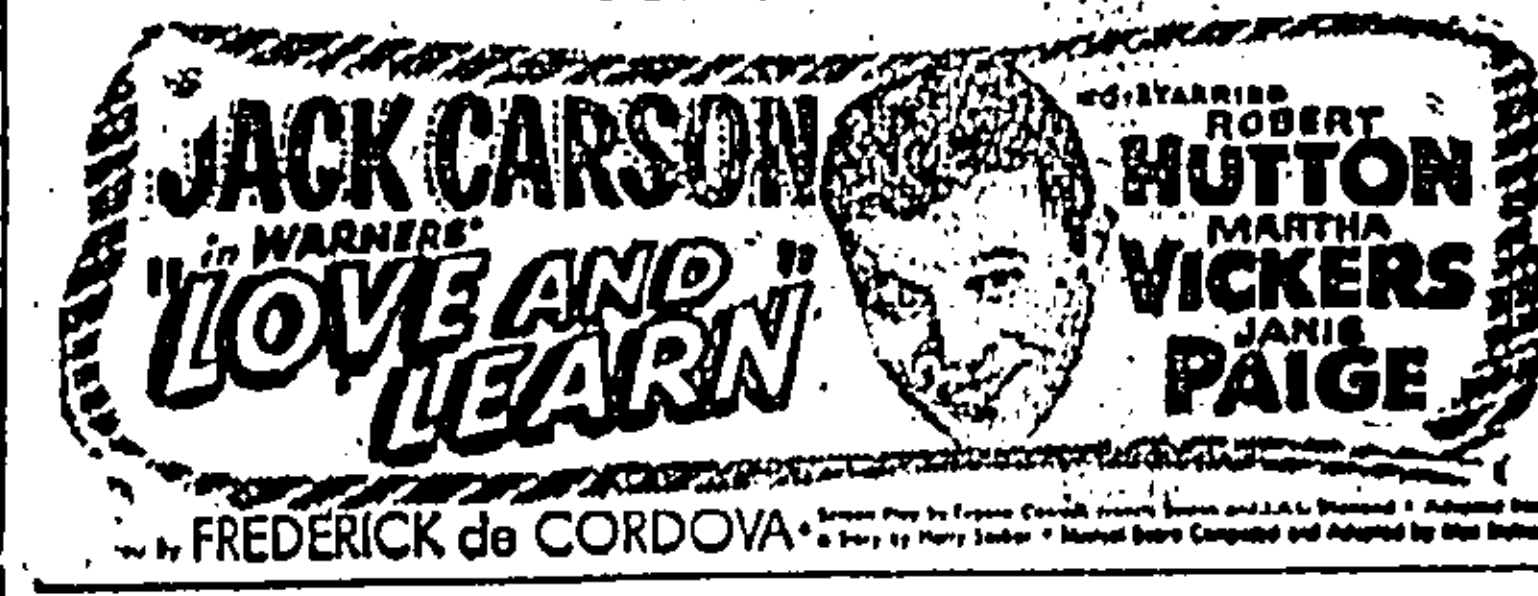
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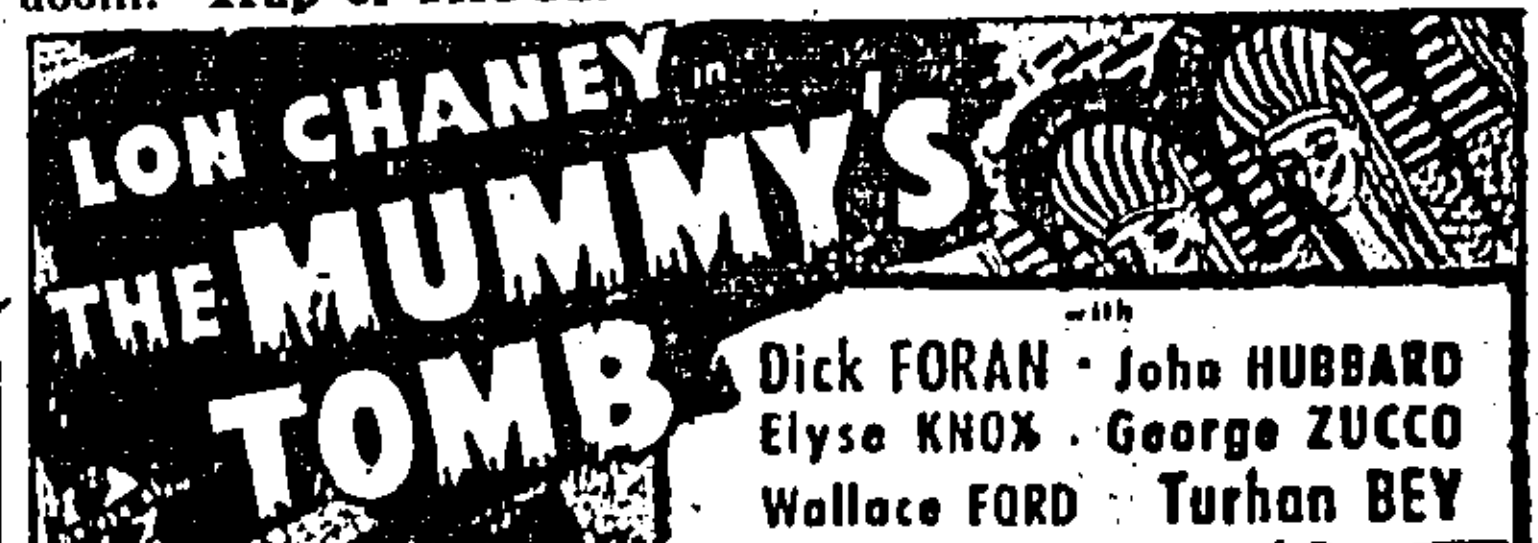
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Paris, December 7.

Delegates to the United Nations Assembly today vigorously criticised the present session in Paris.

Representatives of both East and West joined in condemning what the Soviet delegate called an impossible way of working.

PEOPLE
OF ASIA
UNEASY

Paris, December 6.

Mrs. Vijaya Pandit, India's chief delegate to the United Nations, told Reuters today after her last appearance at the General Assembly that the people of Asia are very uneasy at the way the United Nations is functioning.

"After experiencing the failure of Western diplomacy twice in a generation, they do not wish to be the victims of the same sort of failure for the third time," Mrs. Pandit said. "The people of India feel there is little possibility of peace and security in the world while the delegates to the General Assembly allow personal issues to take precedence over principles."

The present Assembly compares very unfavourably with the two previous Assemblies I have attended. It seems to me that this year we have permitted ourselves to sink to the level of personalities instead of keeping our eyes on world issues," Mrs. Pandit added.—Reuters.

40 Mines To
Close Down

Edinburgh, December 6.

The Scottish National Union of Mineworkers announced today 11 collieries will be closed in the first six months of next year as the first of three stages in a concentration plan for the closure of 40 Scottish collieries which are either worked out or are being worked uneconomically.

The second phase will cover collieries to be closed in the second six months of next year and the third stage those to be closed in 1950. Thirty-four of the pits are closing because of exhaustion and six for economic reasons. Miners from these 40 collieries will be free to transfer to other collieries.—Reuters.

Uruguayan
Meat For
Britain

London, December 7.

Uruguay has contracted to ship 34,000 tons of meat to Britain during the year ending next February 17, the Ministry of Food reports. Asked in the House of Commons to publish the terms of the contract, Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food said: "When we are negotiating with different countries for meat as we are today, it is not wise and not good business to reveal to the world what we are buying."—Associated Press.

No Use At
All As A
Husband

London, December 7.

Writer Vincent Sheean's divorced wife still thinks he is a wonderful fellow, but she will not marry him again because writers have no time for marriage.

Pretty Mrs. Sheean, the former Diana Forbes-Robertson, said yesterday "He asked me, and I said no."

She married the globe-trotting American reporter in Vienna 15 years ago when she was 20 and he was 36. They were divorced in Reno two years ago.

"He is a great friend, but just no use at all as a husband," Sheean stopped in London on his way to India to woo his former wife and to propose. Beforehand he was optimistic, saying marriage was not out of the question.

He left Claridge's Hotel early yesterday morning to catch his India-bound plane without comment on the rejection of his suit.—Associated Press.

FREE MEN WON'T
FORGET EXAMPLE

Berlin, December 6.

German men and women who voted against Communism have set an example which will not be forgotten by free men.

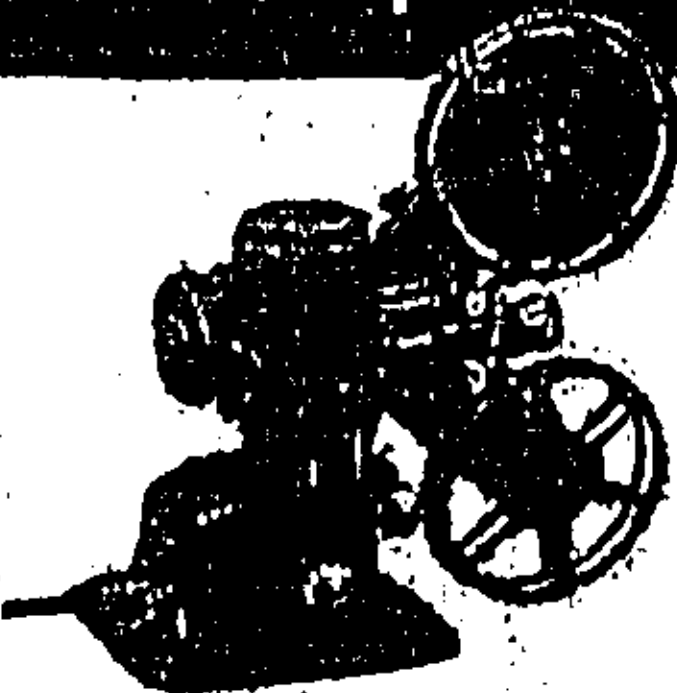
The United States troop commander (Colonel Frank Howley), said this today.

So pleased was the American commandant that he issued a formal proclamation, warmly praising the Germans for voting in the city elections despite Russian threats and pressure. He said the American Military Government could not promise Berliners any immediate improvement in their conditions because of the Russian starvation blockade.

"Until the Soviets change their present heartless policies, you must be prepared for continued sacrifices," said Colonel Howley.

The Soviet Union alone is to blame for the daily sight of the aged and very young searching in the streets for bits of food. You have rejected false promises of heat and food from the savage hands which imposed this cruel blockade.

"In voting, you have preserved your stake in the future. You have won your right to be in the world of free men and women." Berlin workers followed up their stinging rebuke to Russia and Communism by forcing Communist Hans Witte to resign from the Board of Directors of the great BEWAG electric power organisation.—United Press.

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Elections In Berlin

Berlin, December 6.

The Soviet authorities in Germany will ignore the results of the West Berlin municipal election, which they regard as illegal and which will have no effect on Soviet policy in the city.

Political circles close to the Soviet military authorities here reported this today.

Marshal Vasily Sokolovsky, played a leading and outspoken part in the anti-Communist and anti-Russian campaign, and had not attempted to compromise, as they alleged leaders of the other two parties had been prone to do.

The German news service, DEMA, reported that the official final results of all districts were: Social Democrats: 898,100 (64.4 per cent); Christian Democrat Union: 238,400 (19.4 per cent); Liberal Democrats: 214,224 (18.1 per cent); Total electorate: 1,580,575. Total votes cast: 1,360,972. Spoiled votes: 37,150. Voting percentage: 86.2 per cent.

A leading member of the Communist-dominated Socialist Unity Party was quoted as saying that the elections would alter in no way the efforts of his party to extend the authority of the Eastern Magistrat under the new Eastern Mayor, Herr Fritz Ebert, to the whole of Berlin.

The Soviet sector Eastern Magistrat tonight declared itself the only legal Administration in the capital. Its press department stated: "Nobody else is entitled to carry out official functions." The statement denounced yesterday's elections as farcical and fraudulently carried out under armed terror. It appealed to the population of Berlin to end the frivolous game of the dividers of Berlin unity.

Soviet Loss

Western observers, commenting on the election results, said the Socialist Unity Party had lost nearly half its supporters in West Berlin since the municipal elections of October, 1946. Then, 82 per cent of the electorate voted more than 13 per cent of the vote cast in the Western sectors fell to the Socialist Unity Party.

According to these observers: If all those who voted for the Socialist Unity Party in 1946 had abstained this time, the total participation in the poll would have been less than 80 per cent.

That fact that more than 86 per cent of the total electorate voted proved that nearly half the former supporters of the Socialist Unity Party ignored the Communist boycott appeals and voted for the Western parties.

It was presumed that most of the former Communist votes went to the Social Democratic Party. This in part was believed to have accounted for the Social Democratic landslide, which gave this party more than 64 per cent of the total vote and a clear majority in the City Assembly.

Final Results

Social Democratic leaders today ascribed their overwhelming victory to the fact that they had

Dr. Bunche
In Tel Aviv

Tel Aviv, December 6.

Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting Palestine Mediator, told reporters here today that he hoped an armistice would be enforced in Palestine before the United Nations Conciliation Commission arrives.

He declined to state whether he would co-operate with the Commission in an advisory capacity. Dr. Bunche said that his recent discussions in Cairo, Amman and Tel Aviv revolved on the Security Council's discussion of the Palestine problem, the conclusion of the truce between armistice and the political problems of a peace settlement.

Dr. Bunche lunched with Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel. A United Nations press officer said the acting Mediator would fly to Haifa later today. He would leave tomorrow for Paris where he is expected to return until December 11 before returning to the United States.

It was believed the Conciliation Commission on Palestine would then take over.—Reuters.

Fair Election

A British official statement said tonight that 12 Allied inspection teams reported yesterday Berlin elections were carried out in fair and democratic manner and fully in accordance with election regulations.

The newly-elected Western City Assembly will hold its first meeting in the middle of January, Dr. Otto Suhr, the state president, said tonight. The first action would be to elect a new Magistrat.

Dr. Suhr said seats would be allotted in the new body to 79 Social Democrats, 24 Christian Democrats and 18 Liberal Democrats.

"Eleven members of the Socialist Unity Party will still be entitled to sit in the City Assembly for the Soviet sector constituency," he stated. They are not, however, expected to take their seats.—Reuters.

HIROHITO STIRS
DIET CRITICS

Tokyo, December 7.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives demanded Government investigation into a message of friendship sent by Emperor Hirohito to President Truman.

The message was carried by the Chief Prosecutor, Joseph B. Keenan, upon his recent return to Washington from Tokyo.

Upon the initiative of a Socialist and a Communist, the Committee voted to require Government investigation of newspaper reports that Hirohito had relayed to Mr. Truman his determination to foster the closest and most cordial relationship with the United States.

This statement was given verbally to Mr. Keenan during a lengthy audience preceding the Prosecutor's departure. It was the same kind of generally the Emperor has voiced before. But Toshiaki Wada, a member of the Social Democratic Party, contended in the Committee that the statement implied that the Emperor alone was the prerogative of conducting diplomatic affairs. Wada also criticised the Emperor's promise as a constitutional monarch to do all he can to foster development of Democracy in Japan. The Socialist legislator said this would excuse the Emperor's position as a symbol of State.—Associated Press.

TRAM STRIKE

Brussels, December 7. Almost the whole inter-urban network of Belgium was idle yesterday because of a 24-hour strike for more money. Main tram inside the cities were also struck.—Associated Press.

Victoria
Crisis Is
Over

Melbourne, December 6.

Victoria State's Cabinet crisis, one of the most sensational in the State's history, ended tonight with the formation of an all-Liberal Administration. The new Administration will be sworn in tomorrow.

The new Cabinet was formed after negotiations broke down between the Liberal and Country parties on the construction of a new Coalition Cabinet.

The crisis arose over criticism of the settlement by Mr. T. Hollway, the Liberal Premier, of an essential services strike. Both trade unions and the Liberal Country Party Coalition Ministry supported the settlement, but Mr. Hollway accused Sir Albert Dunstan, the Country Party leader, of intriguing against and obstructing the work of the Government.

While inviting the Country Party to join a new Coalition, the Premier refused to accept Sir Albert Dunstan as a member. The Liberals hold 28 seats in the Legislative Assembly, the Country Party 20 and the Labour Party 10.—Reuters.

MR. BEVIN BACK
AT WORK

London, December 7.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, returned to his desk yesterday after a month's holiday. He will review international affairs in the House of Commons later in the week.—Associated Press.

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Protection Of U.S. Interests

Washington, December 7. Sources close to the State Department said today that the United States will do its best to safeguard American business interests should the Chinese Communists occupy Shanghai.

It is made plain, however, that the State Department is promising nothing and that American businessmen who remain are doing so at their own risk. There are indications that American Consular officials have been instructed to do everything within their power to protect American interests in the event of an emergency. It is pointed out that the United States Consular officials in Shanghai will remain at their posts, as they did in Mukden when the Communists took over there.

Should the same thing happen in Shanghai, it can be assumed that Consular officials will inform the new occupying authorities which properties and interests were American.

The United States has publicly announced that U.S. Consular offices will remain open and will give any aid and assistance possible to Americans.

However, no hard and fast rules can be announced at this time. Informants pointed out that when non-essential Americans were advised to leave China, it was left to individuals to interpret what was essential and who non-essential. They said that since consuls were allowed to remain, it could be presumed the American consular authorities would do everything possible to safeguard them and their interests. United Press.

BRITAIN PAYS NORWAY

Oslo, December 6. The British Vessels Assurance Institute in Bergen announced that Britain has paid Norway nine million kroner compensation for the use of Norwegian fishing vessels during the war. Three hundred fishing boats escaped to Britain during the war and about 200 returned after the war. —Reuter.

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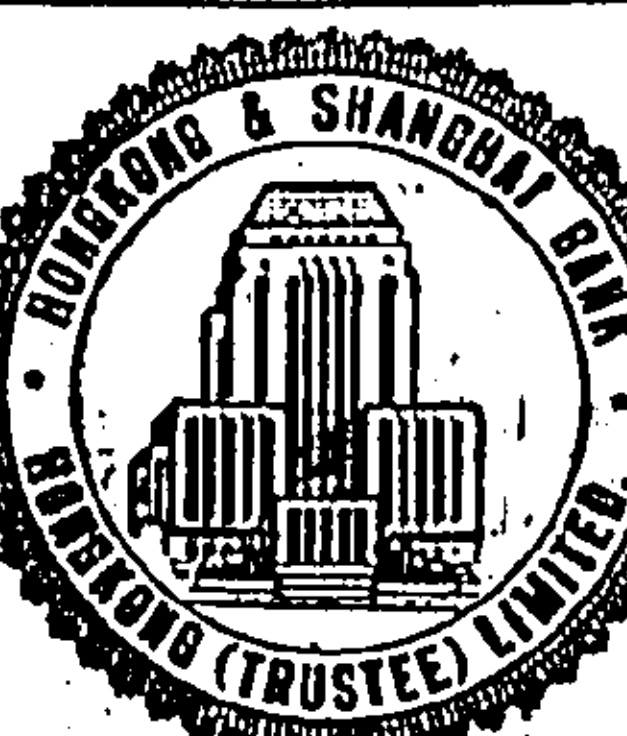
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Shanghai, December 7.

China is subsiding into a steadily bubbling cauldron of under cover politics and rumours.

The Communist military campaign Southward from the fallen Hsuehwan bastion has hit winter mud and ice with extended supply lines.

The Generalissimo is reported to have 400,000 troops North of Nanking.

If they can form a defence line along the Hwai River abreast of Pengpu, 150 miles Northward, they may be able to check the Communists for possibly a month, observers think.

The Chinese assert that a month also should show whether the Generalissimo will succeed in getting decisive American aid.

Meanwhile, frantic efforts of lesser Nanking officials to find a formula for a coalition which might interest the Communists continue below the surface. The Chinese say little of these efforts because continuance of the civil war, and the lives and fortunes of hundreds of thousands, may depend on success or failure.

Search For Formula

Echoes of these talks reach all the major Chinese cities where the personal emissaries of the various officials and warlords come and go, inconspicuously sounding influential people in all these places.

It is generally agreed that the formula sought must do two things: must dissuade the Communists from converting China into an unalterably Communist State and must offer the Communists enough power as a major political factor on the Chinese scene to make the coalition worthwhile from their standpoint. How to do this and where would assume the burden of leading the minority opposition to the Communists in the future government are major questions which thus far have proved unanswerable.

H.K. Group

A hint that the Hong Kong dissidents may be holding the initiative was seen in yesterday's statement by Marshal Li Chai-sun, Democratic League leader, and nine other anti-Chiang groups in Hong Kong.

The statement urged both Chinese and foreigners to remain calm, and assured of the continuance of civil property rights under the coalition with the Communists which was assumed as a foregone conclusion.

It said the only confiscations expected would be fortunes amassed under special privilege and sold foreign capital would be welcomed as long as it did not interfere with national sovereignty.

For many weeks this group has had General Tsai Ting-kai, 1931 Shanghai hero, and others negotiating with the Communists in Harbin. Peiping reports say the Harbin talks are mapping a new People's Consultative Conference to be held in Peiping, after that city falls to plan a new provisional government for the Republic of China.

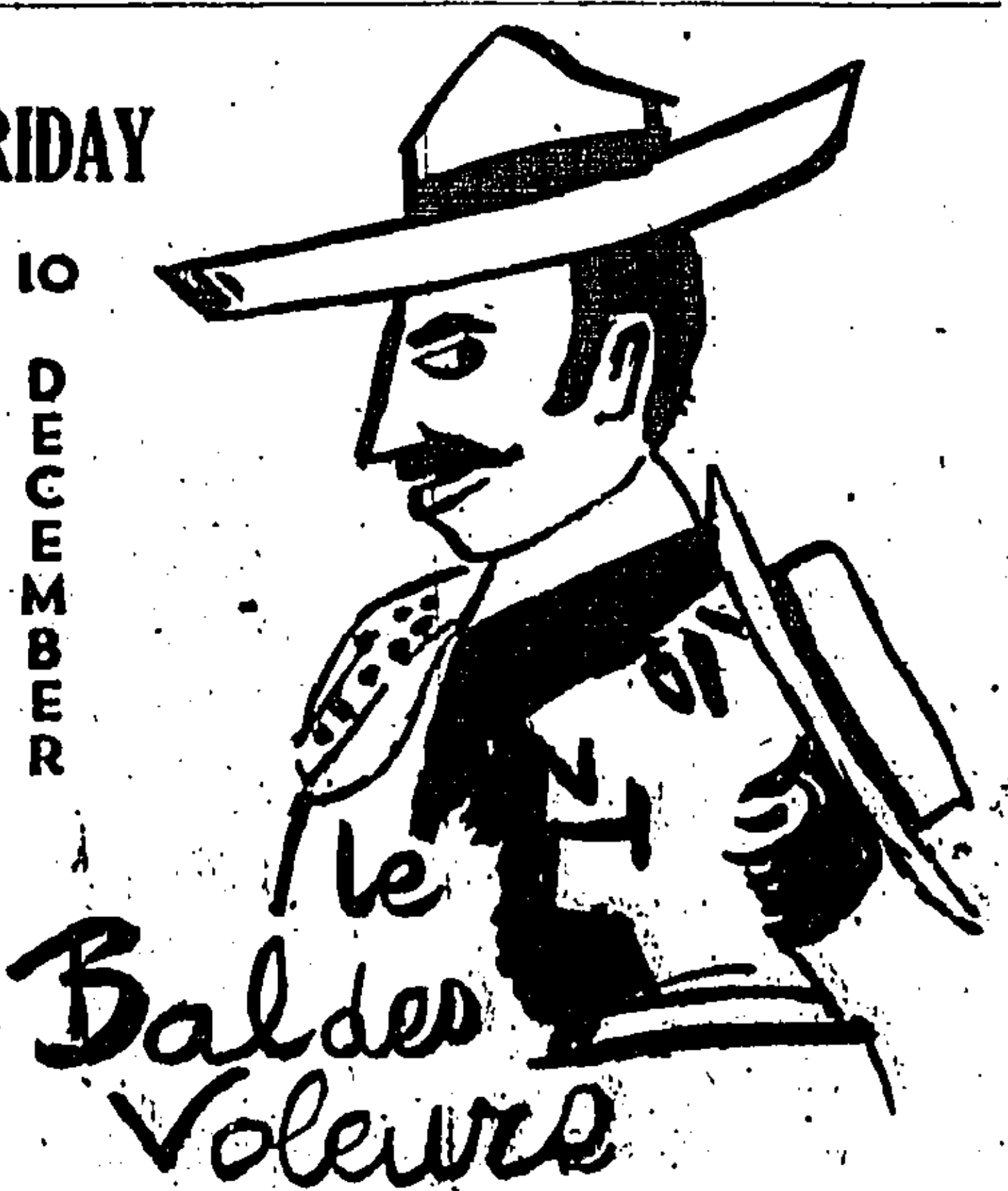
No talk was reported, as in the Yangtze Valley, that China might be divided into Northern and Southern zones, like Korea.

Delicate Problem

Instead, Peiping opinion, based partly on Communist broadcasts, is that the capital will return to Peiping and that at least a facade national government will be maintained. This belief is also based on possible consequences to big power relationship if two Chinese governments should claim China's veto position among the Big Five in the United Nations.

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RAF Crash On The Moors

Griffith, December 6.

After a night-long search of the Yorkshire Moors for a Royal Air Force Mosquito aircraft, the Air Ministry announced today that it had been found crashed at a farm four miles from its base at Griffith.

The pilot and navigator were killed. The BBC had made a special appeal for news of the missing plane. —Reuter.

Sol Bloom Urges Aid

New York, December 6.

Representative Sol Bloom today urged immediate aid to Chiang Kai-shek's Government and recommended the appointment of a United States supervisory commission to study China's specific needs.

Representative Bloom made the statement on a combined radio and television programme in which four speakers conducted a court on the question: "Should the United States extend military aid to Chiang Kai-shek?"

Another participant was Professor Nathaniel Peffer of Columbia University, who took the witness stand and maintained that any aid short of military participation would be unavailing.

Professor Peffer predicted that the Chinese Communist would gain control of all China and drive out the Chiang Government. —United Press.

Publication Of Nazi Documents

London, December 6.

America, Britain and France will shortly begin publication of captured German official documents.

The first two volumes will probably be ready next month. The Foreign Office said today they will cover from 1938 to September 1939—the date of the Munich agreement.

The documents relating to the Spanish Civil War are not among those due for immediate publication, but will form volume three of the series.

The Soviet Government has published two volumes of captured German documents covering from November 1937 to September 1939. —Reuter.

U.S. Relationship With Yugoslavia

Belgrade, December 6.

An increasingly difficult problem is shaping up today for United States policy-makers—whether to do business with Marshal Tito on a strictly business basis.

This question is being discussed more and more in this capital by diplomatic observers who believe the answer could decide Marshal Tito's and Yugoslavia's future. Furthermore, many foreign representatives think the United States cannot delay the answer too long.

Proponents of American aid argue it would be to the United States' advantage to keep Marshal Tito in power as his fall probably would mean replacement by a Cominform supporter who would adhere to the Moscow line.

They add that so-called non-political economic aid to the Marshal will be an effective propaganda weapon to Moscow's charges of American imperialism because it would provide proof of American desire to lift worldwide living standards.

A strong Yugoslav, independent of Russia, and buttressed by American economic help, would be a wonderful propaganda window for Washington in this part of the world, one diplomat summed up.

Probably it would mean extending Yugoslavia's maximum dollar credit.

Marshal Tito repeatedly expressed a desire for trade with the United States in recent talks with such visitors as Mr. Eric Johnson, President of the American Movie Producers Association. Yugoslav officials echo this desire as long as no political strings are attached. They consider the European recovery programme definitely political. —United Press.

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NORTH CHINA SERIOUS "BUT NOT HOPELESS"

Tientsin, December 7.

The North China situation is serious but not hopeless, says General Chen Chang-chieh, Tientsin garrison commander.

General Chen predicts that large-scale operations in East Hebei are not likely before late January or February.

He told pressmen that the military situation in North China can only be resolved by a decisive battle which will involve positional fighting with Peiping and Tientsin serving as bases of operations.

Preparatory to this great trial of strength, withdrawals will be effected from Chengteh, Paoting and Chihwangtao, thereby eliminating the former handiaps involving the defence of isolated places and shortening defence and supply lines, which consequently become less vulnerable.

The Communists are unable to resort to their favourite hit-and-run tactics nor can they absorb any isolated defence garrisons by concentrating numerically superior forces around them, he said.

Admitting the Reds hold an advantage in the fighting in the mountainous regions, General Chen predicted that this will be nullified since the forthcoming warfare will be unfolded along the Hopei plain—East, South and Central—where the flat terrain yields no advantages to the Reds.

Red Strength

General Chen observed that in South and Central Hopei the Communists have played out great activity since the abandonment of Peiping by Nationalist forces under General Fu Tso-yi's strategy, while in East Hopei, the present strength of General Lin Piao's Communist forces does not constitute any immediate threat.

He estimated General Lin Piao's total Communist strength at between 400,000 and 600,000 men, including perhaps some Nationalist prisoners taken after the fall of Manchuria.

Of these, Lin Piao may spare only 300,000 men for operations inside the Great Wall, leaving the balance for the garrisoning of Manchuria.

Ordinarily, three months at least are required for replenishing, regrouping and re-equipping, therefore, should the initiative really come from General Lin Piao in East Hopei, fighting is unlikely before the second half of January or early February.

Decisive Battles

This space of about three months provides General Fu Tso-yi ample time for making his own preparations, declared General Chen.

General Fu plans a general squaring up of accounts with the Reds; namely, one or two decisive battles in Hopei. The current weather enables General Fu to increase his military might and American direct aid to North China is expected to arrive in good time.

The Garrison Commander expected American aid for General Fu Tso-yi may be superior to what the Communists might expect from the Soviets.

According to his information, the Soviets were already participating in the Railway Administration in Manchuria and have assigned instructors for the Chinese Communist Army. —Reuter.

P.I. Import Control Warning

Manila, December 7.

The Philippines was urged to abandon its proposed import control if it wants foreign capital to invest in the Republic.

Dr. Frank A. Waring, chairman of the United States Philippine War Damage Commission, warned that US\$450,000,000 payments would be expended by the end of 1950.

He said it would seem unnecessary to impose quotas, restrictions upon imports. If attention is given to expansion of foreign exports and establishment of industries for domestic consumption, which would reduce demand for imports.

Warning said that three large U.S. concerns had abandoned plans to establish distribution centres here for the Far East because of fear of economic restrictions and talk of wresting trade from alien hands. —Associated Press.

URANIUM FIND

St. Mary, Ontario,

December 6. The fourth discovery of uranium in this area was reported from nearby Beaver Rock today.

The latest uranium strike was made by Dr. Lyman Elliot and his brother, Clayton Elliot, both of Detroit. Dr. Elliot said that he and his brother had recently completed a 14-day survey of the area. —United Press.



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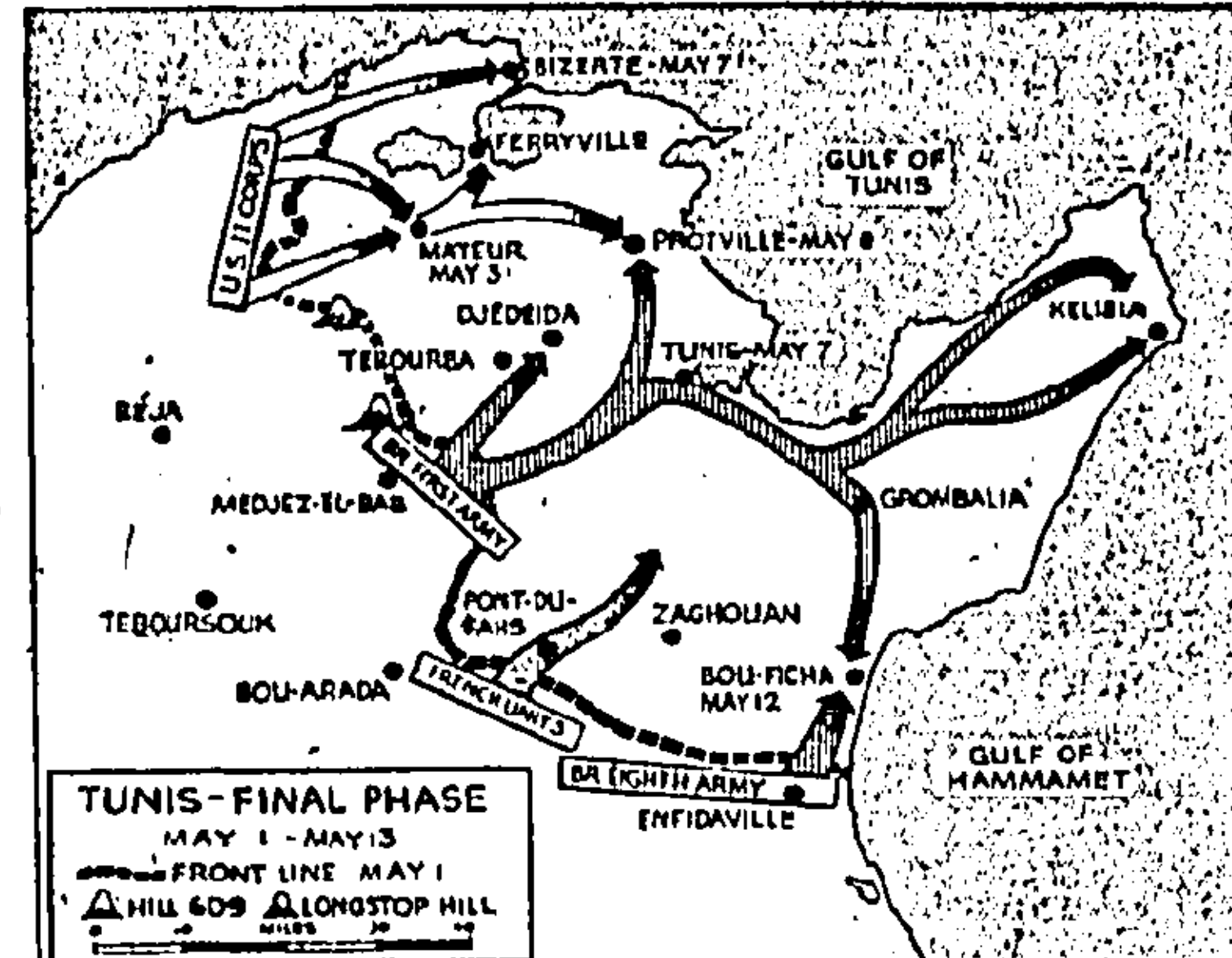


By the time Alexander reached, on the west, the line from which he wished to launch his final thrust, it had become apparent that further attacks from the south by the Eighth Army would be costly and indecisive because of the nature of the terrain along the Enfidaville line. At the same time we confidently believed that the German would expect the main attack to be delivered by the Eighth Army, since that organization had established a brilliant reputation in its long pursuit across the Western Desert and the enemy would naturally expect us to use it for our knockout punch.

In the conviction, therefore, that the enemy would in any event keep strong forces in front of the Eighth Army, General Alexander quickly and secretly brought around from that flank several of the Eighth Army's best divisions and attached them to the British First Army. These arrangements were completed in time to begin the final assault on May 5.

In the American sector the place was Hill 609, eventually captured by the 34th Division, to the intense satisfaction, particularly of the American high command. This division had been denied opportunity for training to a degree more than any other, and its capture of the formidable 609 was final proof that the American ground forces had come fully of age.

Following immediately upon the breakthrough, Alexander sent mounted units of the British First Army rapidly forward across the base of the Bon Peninsula, where we believed the Germans might attempt to retreat to make a last stand in the manner of Babian. Alexander's swift action, regardless of the many thousands of enemy still fighting in confused pockets along the front of the First Army, destroyed this last desperate hope of the enemy. From then on the operations were of a mopping-up variety. Some fighting continued until the twelfth but by the following day, except for a few stragglers in the mountains, the



The custom had its origin in the fact that mercenary soldiers of old had no real enmity toward their opponents. Both sides fought for the love of a fight, out of a sense of duty or, more probably, for money. A captured commander of the eighteenth century was likely to be, for weeks of months, the honored guest of his captor. The tradition that all professional soldiers are really comrades in arms has, in tattered form, persisted to this day.

For me World War II was far too personal a thing to entertain such feelings. Daily as it progressed there grew within me the conviction that we were before us a war between many nations the forces that stood for human good and men's rights were this time confronted by a completely evil conspiracy with which no compromise could be tolerated. Because only by the utter destruction of the Axis was a decent world possible, the war became for me a crusade in the traditional sense of that often misused word.

In this specific instance, I told my Intelligence officer, General Kenneth Strong, to get any information he possibly could out of the captured Germans but that, as far as I was concerned, I was interested only in those who were not yet captured. None would be allowed to call on me. I pursued the same practice to the end of the war. Not until Field Marshal Jodl signed the surrender terms at Rheims in 1945 did I ever speak to a German general, and even then my only words were that he would be held personally and completely responsible for the carrying out of the surrender terms.

The outcome of the Tunisian campaign was of course eminently satisfactory, but the high command was so busy engaged in preparation for the Sicilian attack that little opportunity was available for celebration. However, a Victory Parade was held in Tunis on the twentieth to mark the end of the Axis Empire in Africa.

The very magnitude of our victory, at least of our captures, served to intensify our difficulties in preparing for the Sicilian affair. We had more than a quarter of a million prisoners crowded in Tunisia, where poor communications made feeding and guarding difficult and rapid evacuation impossible. But the effect of the campaign did have the effect of freeing the commanders and staffs from immediate operations and allowed them to turn their full attention to the matter next in hand. Preparations had been going on ever since February in a special group attached to Allied Headquarters but operating under General Alexander. This group was now absorbed completely in General Alexander's staff, and the whole process of preparation was vastly speeded up.

The Tunisian victory was hailed with delight throughout the

United Nations. It clearly signified to friend and foe alike that the Allies were at last upon the march. The Germans, who had during the previous winter suffered also the great defeat of Stalingrad and had been forced to abandon their other offensives on the Russian front in favour of a desperate defence, were compelled after Tunisia to think only of the protection of conquests rather than of their enlargement.

Within the African theatre one of the greatest products of the victory was the progress achieved in the welding of Allied unity and the establishment of a command team that was already showing the effects of a growing confidence and trust among all its members. It is easy to minimise the obstacles that always obstruct progress in developing efficient command mechanisms for large allied forces. Some are easy to recognise, such as those relating to differences in equipment, training and tactical doctrine, staff procedures and methods of organisation. But these are overshadowed by national prejudices and prejudices.

In modern war, with its great facilities for quickly informing populations of battlefield developments, every little difference is magnified, and a soldier fighting for his life is likely to be a very temperamental organism. Even tried veterans, normally selfless and serene, can react suddenly and explosively to a headline story favourable in their opinion, another nationality. The problem is delicate, tricky, and important— but success in allied ventures can be achieved if the chief figures in the Government and in the field see the necessities of the situation and refuse to violate the basic principle of unity, either in public or in the confidence of the personal contacts with subordinates and staffs. Immediate and continuous loyalty to the concept of unity and to allied commanders is basic to victory. The instant such commanders lose the confidence of either government or of the majority of their principal subordinates, they must be relieved.

This was the great Allied lesson of Tunisia; equally important, on the technical side, was the value of training. Thorough technical, psychological, and physical training is one protection and one weapon that every nation can give to its soldiers before committing them to battle, but since war always comes to a democracy as an unexpected emergency, this training must be largely accomplished in peace. Until world order is an accomplished fact and universal disarmament a logical result, it will always be a crime to excuse men from the types and kinds of training that will give them a decent chance for survival in battle. Many of the crosses standing in Tunisia today are witnesses to this truth.

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DEFENCE NEEDS

A new and striking turn was given to discussions on Britain's defence needs when Lord Templewood and Lord Trenchard gave details of the kind of Air Force which they estimate would ensure peace. Never, since Russia re-armed, has so definite and authoritative a prescription been given for halting aggression without war. The figures are large, even supposing they comprise an Anglo-American and not a British force only. But nothing is too large for peace, and the impressiveness of the statement, backed as it was in principle by Lord Portal of Hungerford, so long the Chief of our Air Staff, cannot be obscured by platitudes about balancing defence against other needs.

Two main points were brought out in the debate. The first is the urgent need of making effective the defence arrangements of Western Europe with the co-operation of America—since Britain cannot do and is not expected to do everything. The second is that everything possible must be done, in order that Britain's share should be worthy, to see that the Services can count upon the highest quality equipment and the fullest manpower. In this connection the Government would seem to have tried to atone for two highly culpable errors—the first insufficient provision for national defence, and the second, insufficient pay for the defence Services.

It may well be, however, that in both cases the atonement is both belated and niggardly. In respect of defence, they have presented a Bill to increase the period of service with the colours from one year to 18 months. This is the bare minimum necessary to ensure that the Army, at any rate, does not wither away, and it is still very doubtful whether the new provision will provide a really battle-fit Army. It is all to the good that the Government should now confess their surrender to their Left-Wing, when they reduced the period of service in the original National Service Bill, to have been indefensible, but the new measure does not show that they are even yet ready to act up to their responsibilities. For example, in respect of the RAF Lord Portal contends that the period of service should be two or three years.

Those who enlist voluntarily on long-term engagements are the core of the Services, and efficiency largely depends upon them. The amendments now proposed in pay must accordingly be judged by whether or not they will put right the disappointments in the rate of recruiting. It is to be feared that they may not. The increases in regular basic pay are designed, according to Mr. Alexander, to attract men with special skill. There will, it is true, be some extra premium on having or acquiring special qualifications, but, falling other inducements, there can be no certainty that the increase is enough to wean such men from civilian life, with the possible exception of married men, whose allowances will be substantially increased.

Concessions to officers are particularly unsatisfactory. They are to get no increase in basic pay at all. The increase in marriage allowances will, in many cases, do

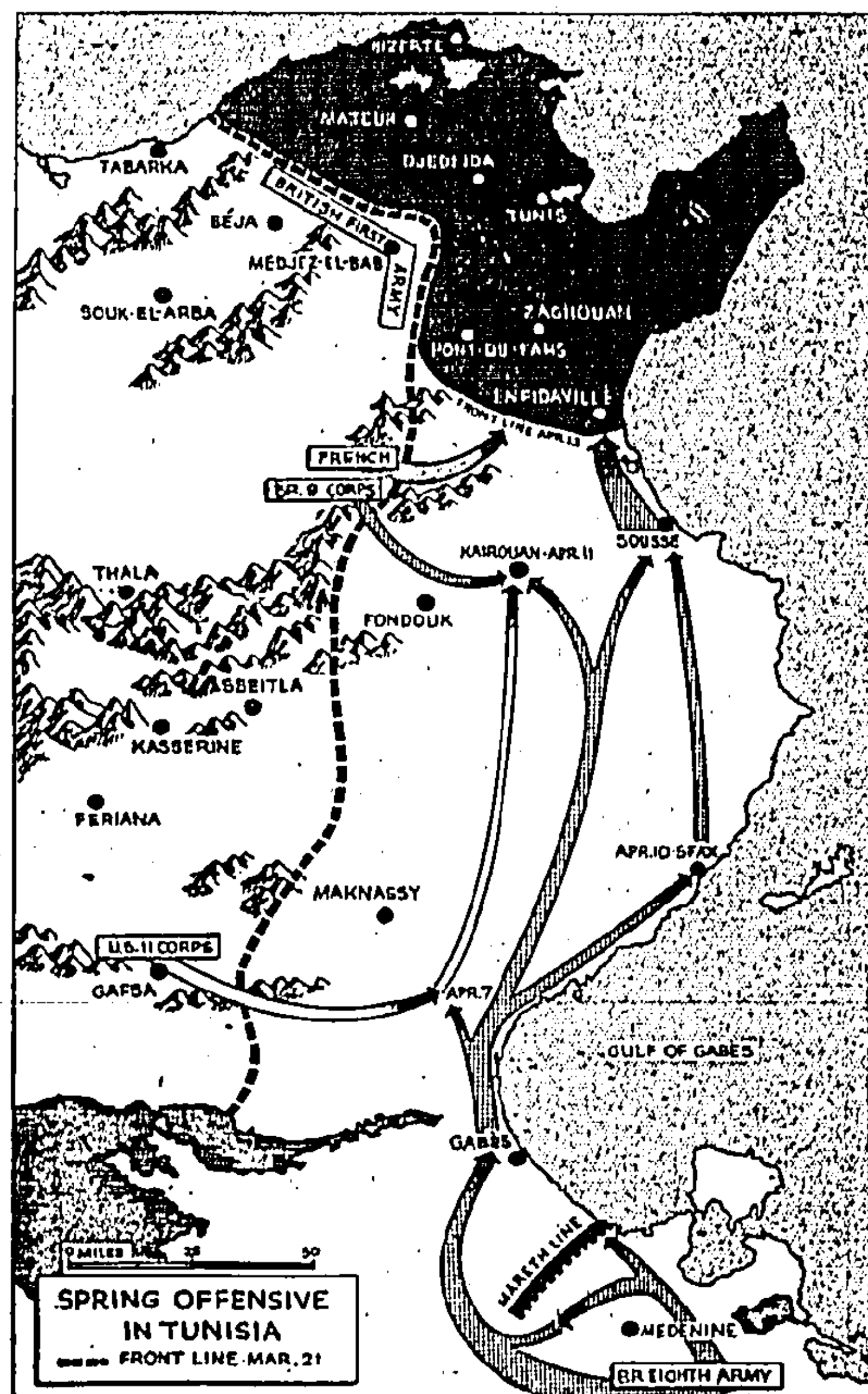
little if anything more than compensate for the gradual running out of War Excess payments and Supplementary Marriage allowances. Many officers cannot make both ends meet now, and a slight closing of the gap, as Mr. Macawber indicated, does not make the difference between misery and happiness. We shall not get the Services we want, either on sea, on land, or in the air, unless the Government gives them priority in care and in esteem. That was not so necessary three years ago on the morrow of victory; but it becomes imperative today when we are on the eve of

success would make the unit, and it would give a sense of accomplishment to the American people that they richly deserved in view of the strenuous effort they had made thus far in the war. That of victory participated in by both countries on a significant scale would come a sense of partnership not otherwise obtainable. The soldiers themselves were entitled to engage in an operation where for the first time conditions would favour instead of hamper and impede them. A real victory would give them a great elan for the sterner test yet to come.

Alexander instantly concurred in my determination that the Corps should be used in its entirety and as a unit. He proposed, and I agreed, that the best plan was to transfer the Corps across the rear of the First Army and place it on the northern flank facing Bizerte. This involved a nicely in staff work in order to avoid entanglement with the British First Army's supply lines, but Alexander and Patton's staffs worked out the details so efficiently that no confusion resulted. It was a move that pre-war staff colleges would have deemed an impossibility. But clockwork schedules and effective traffic control at crossroads characterised the whole movement.

At this time I made another change in the command of the II Corps. Major General Omar N. Bradley had reported to me in late February as an "inspector." Aside from his outstanding personal qualifications, he had gained much experience during the March and early April fighting. The compelling reason for the change was to give General Patton the opportunity to go back to Seventh Army Headquarters and finish preparations for the Sicilian invasion, which was to take place as soon as possible after the completion of the African campaign. A second, and less important, reason, and the one given to the public, was that the whole truth could not be hinted at for the moment, was that the II Corps operations would then on feature infantry rather than tank tactics and so the change of its commander from a tank technician to an infantry expert was logical. Bradley took command on April 15, 1942, after part of the corps was already in position in the north. In the meantime General Montgomery continued to advance northward, until finally he pushed up to the line of Enfidaville, where he came up against a very strong enemy position which effectively blocked his further progress.

However, the stage was now almost completely set for the final assault effort against the enemy position. Improving weather was eagerly seized upon by the air forces to harass the enemy's line of communications between Africa and Italy, and the Axis position grew more precarious. Under our growing air superiority our naval forces also pushed forward their bases and operations and added to the enemy's difficulties. Our ground troops were confident and anxious to wind up the whole affair. The enemy still held some depth in the mountainous area on his western flank, and the first move was to launch assaults calculated to drive him back to the edge of the Tunisian plain. These began on April 23, and all along the line satisfactory advances were made. Co-ordination between air and ground forces was immeasurably better than at the beginning of the campaign, and all of our assaults took place with effective aerial help. Our superiority in artillery was giving us a further advantage.



The results were speedily decisive. On the left the American II Corps, with some detachments of French "Goumiers," advanced magnificently through tough going and captured Bizerte on the seventh. Just to the Southwest the British First Army, under General Anderson, carrying out the main effort, was in Tunis at approximately the same time that the II Corps reached Bizerte.

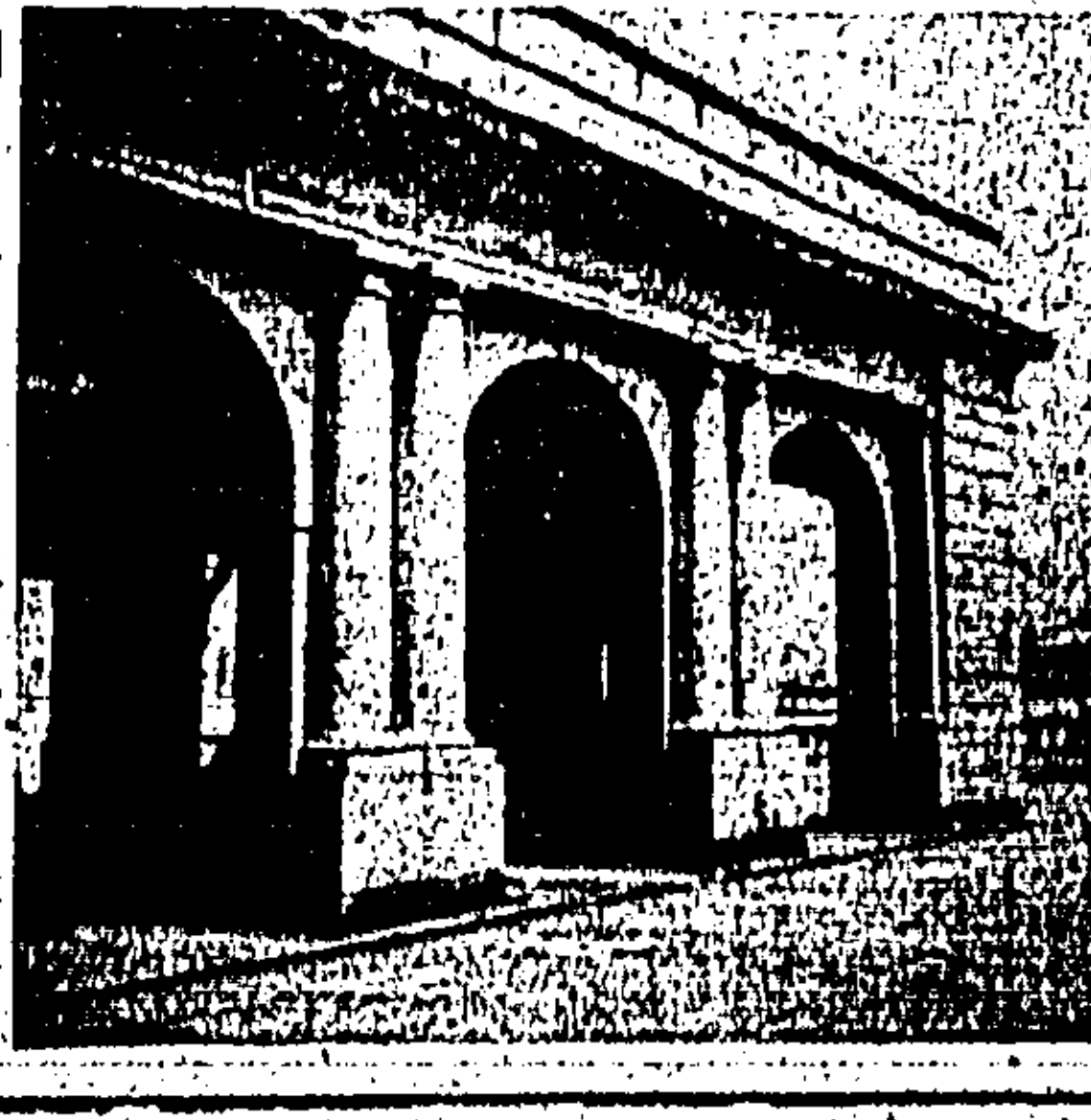
During the final days of the Tunisian campaign two local battles in the North, one in the British sector and one in the American, gripped the interest of the entire theatre. Both positions were exceedingly strong naturally and fiercely defended, and both were essential to us in our final drive for victory. The position in the British sector was Longstop—the battles for its possession from the beginning to the end of the African campaign probably cost more lives than did the fighting for any other spot in

only living Germans left in Tunisia were safely within prison cages. The number of prisoners during the last week of the campaign alone reached 240,000, of which approximately 125,000 were German. Included in these captures was all that was left of the Afrika Korps and a number of other crack German and Italian units.

Rommel himself escaped before the final debacle, apparently foreseeing the inevitable and earnestly desiring to save his own skin. The myth of his and Nazi invincibility had been completely destroyed. Von Arnim surrendered the German troops, and Field Marshal Messe, in nominal command of the whole force, surrendered the Italian contingent. When Von Arnim was brought through Algiers on his way to captivity, some members of my staff felt that I should observe the custom of bygone days and allow him to call on me.

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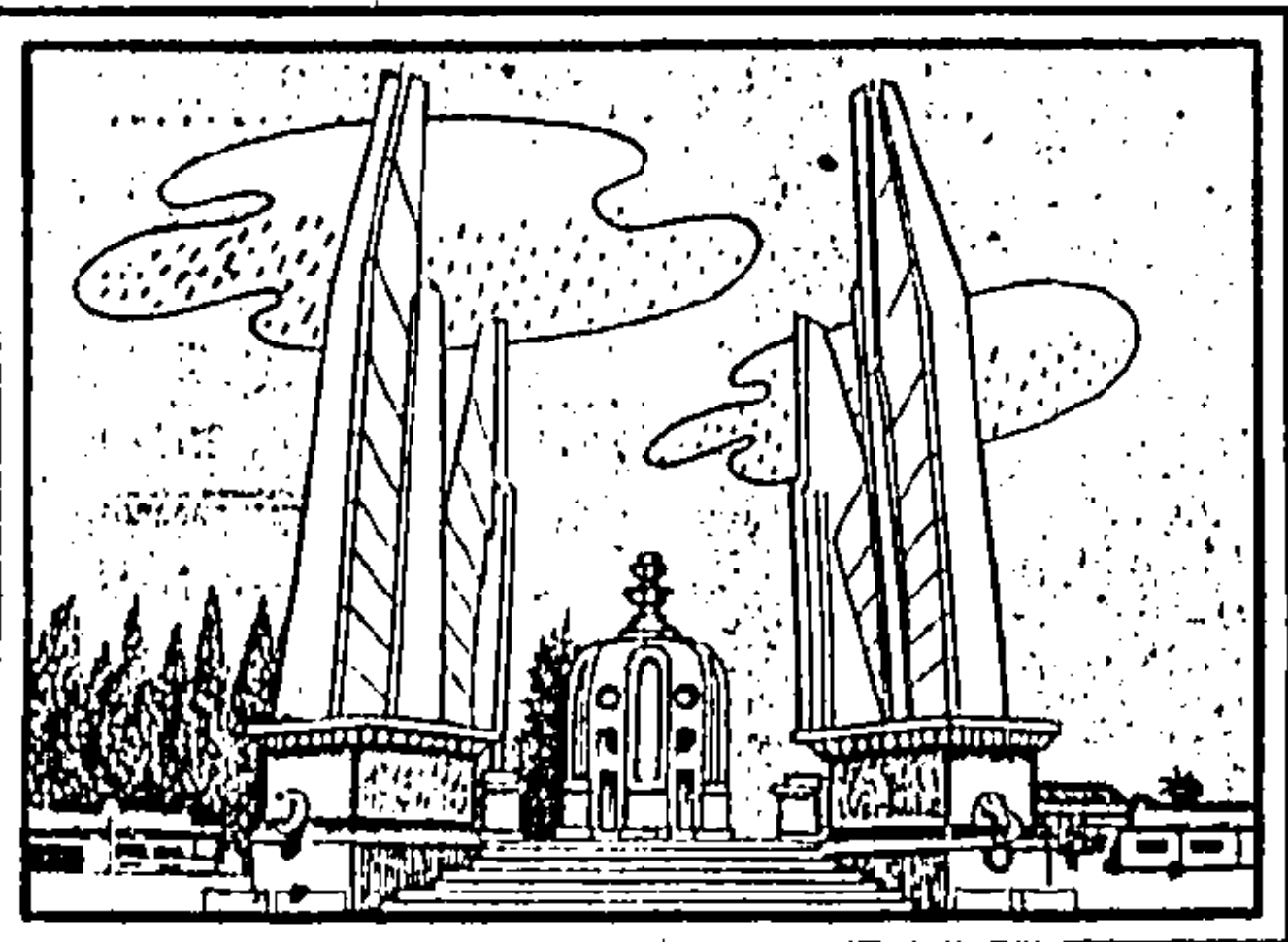
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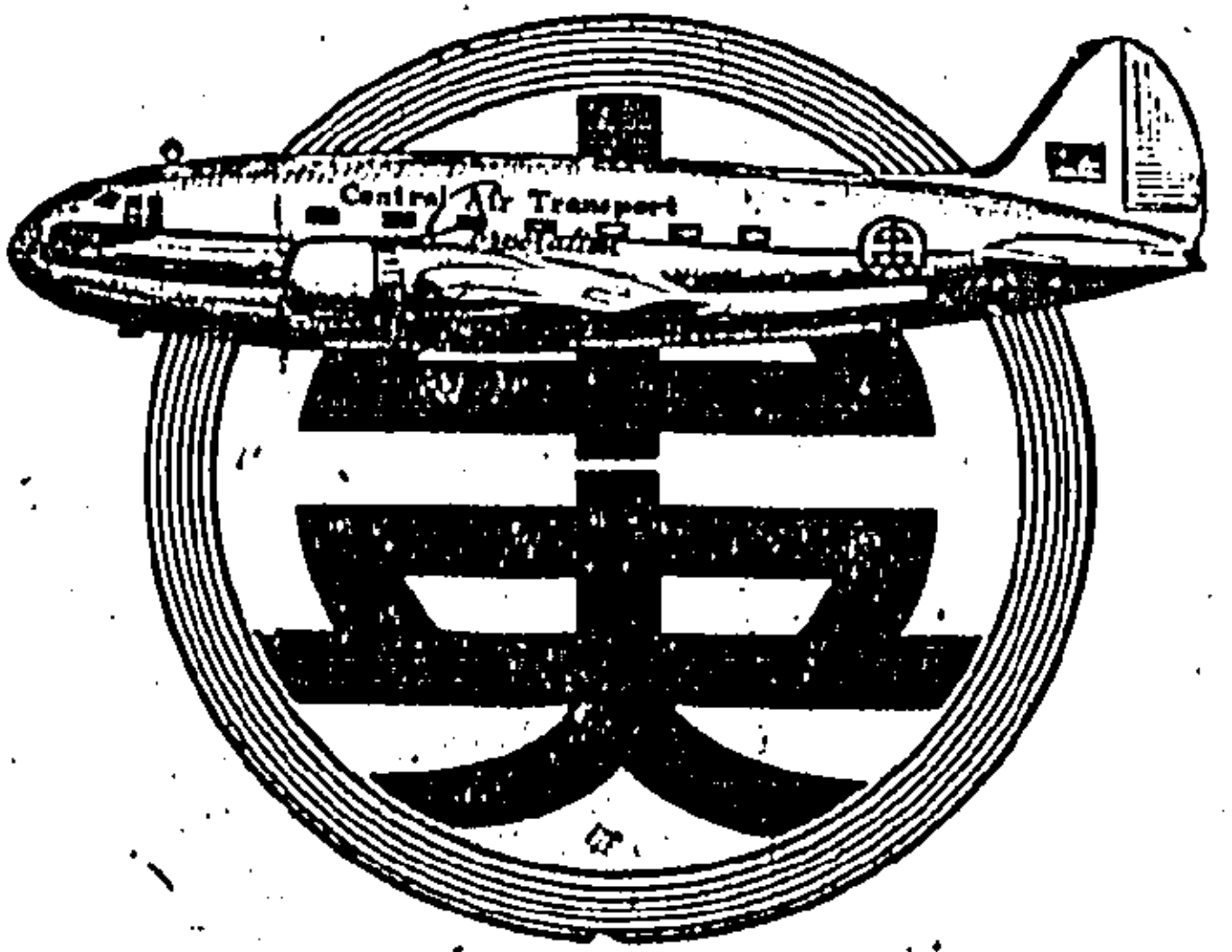
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DOIHARA AND HIROTA GRANTED A HEARING

Close Voting By Supreme Court In Washington

JUSTICE JACKSON'S OPINION

Washington, December 6.

The Supreme Court, by a five to four vote, today granted a hearing to two of the Japanese wartime officials sentenced to be hanged by the International War Crimes Tribunal.

The appeals were filed on behalf of General Kenji Doihara and Koki Hirota, former Premier of Japan.

The appeals challenged the legality of the trials conducted by the International Military Tribunal in Tokyo.

After the appeals were filed here last Monday, General Doihara, MacArthur, Japanese Allied Commander in the Pacific, announced that the execution of the sentences of Doihara and Hirota would be postponed until the Japanese leaders could be given a hearing by the Supreme Court.

None of the appeals was granted on appeal. The Supreme Court has now granted a hearing to the two Japanese leaders.

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U.S. To Start Moving Aid

Los Angeles, December 7. American aid to China will start leaving Pacific Coast ports within 45 days, General Yang Chi-teung, ordinance chief of the Chinese Nationalist Army, said here today. The officer arrived from Washington on route to Nanjing. He is head of a Chinese procurement mission that arranged for spending US\$120,000,000 in credit granted for China by Congress. General Yang said the first shipment from the Los Angeles port will be US\$1,500,000 worth of petrol, the first of 15,000,000 barrels of petrol products to be sent to China from the West coast. Associated Press.

Malaya Depots Chinese

Singapore, December 6. Fifty-two alien-born Chinese, including three women, the first to be detained here under the anti-terrorist emergency regulations, were deported yesterday from Malaya to China. All were members of either the Malayan Communist Party or the Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army, now operating against the British Army, or subversive organizations banned on July 4, or active sympathizers of the terrorist.

Thirteen of them were employees of the Communist newspaper Min Sheng Pau, which was raided and closed by the authorities in Kuala Lumpur on June 17. The deportees sailed from Singapore on the 3,700-ton British steamer, Hong Kong Blang, 200 miles east of Canton. They have been deported under the additional regulations announced on November 25 which gave the Chief Secretary of the Malayan Federation the power to repatriate aliens detained under the emergency regulations for assisting Communists.

On November 25, the total number detained was 430, of whom 380 were Chinese and 170 were Indians. —Reuter.

German Boycott Of Britons

London, December 6. Britain's decision to demolish Germany's wartime torpedo research station at Eckernforde on the Baltic near Kiel is irrevocable, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The demolition due to start tomorrow, would not be influenced by any projected boycott of German labour, he added.

Schleswig-Holstein's Free Democrats (Liberals) joined the trade unionists and Social Democrats' call for social boycott of the British occupation forces in protest against the demolition of the station.

The proposed ban will last until a change in the British dismantling policy is perceptible. Trade union officials announced silent demonstration marches for tomorrow in Kiel, Flensburg, Schleswig and Eckernforde. —Reuter.

CONTRIBUTED TO PEARL HARBOR

Washington, December 7. Quoting a former high official, Representative Rankin of Mississippi said today that some of the U.S. State Department documents recently uncovered in the congressional spy investigation undoubtedly contributed to the Pearl Harbor attack. In addition, said Mr. Rankin, the official reported it is entirely probable that they contributed to the Pearl Harbor attack. Associated Press.

RED UNDERGROUND IS BUSY IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, December 7.

Red underground workers in Shanghai have issued instructions for "when the great hour comes." The instructions were delivered through the regular mails with fictitious return addresses.

They told the executives of factories and others to "stay put" in their respective positions and to "see that nothing is moved from your establishments."

The instructions added, "We have already assigned officials to take over and will carefully check your inventories. Any attempts to sabotage will be punished."

As proof that under-cover members are preparing to take over, the Reds, in a letter to one social centre, enclosed a nearly correct inventory of relief supplies now in the possession of the institution. The inventory included even such items as the number of cans of evaporated milk in stock at the children's clinic.

Labour Agitation

Instructions sent to factories enclosed copies of orders issued by the Red authorities following the capture of Tsinan. They tended to show that the Reds allowed factories there to operate under the original management and prevented looting by Red troops and local forces.

One source interviewed by the United Press said that the orders were dated immediately after the Red occupation of Tsinan, but more stringent controls were applied after the Red Army political sections arrived and took over the administration.

The letters received from the Reds coincide with the agitation of labour groups which, while denying any Communist influence, have been warning not only factories but other businesses, including newspapers, that they had better not try to move out to a safe place.

Force Threat

Owners have been told that any attempt to set up shop elsewhere or even to close down in face of operating losses will result in the workers taking over by force if necessary.

One newspaper told the United Press that while it began planning to move Southward, it was warned by the employees not to make any attempt to move type-setting machines, presses, furniture or any of the inventory. The newspaper was forced to abandon its plan to move.

Many factories lodged appeal with the Municipal Government for permission to shut down by pressure from labour group seeking to prevent mass dismissals and unemployment, has prevented the requests. —United Press.

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A Vital Decision For Truman

Washington, December 6. The civil rights dispute lies like a time bomb within the structure of the Democratic Party. The dispute is moving toward a showdown in the 81st Congress that could rock the Administration's foundations.

The vital decision whether the battle shall be fought this winter or come to a compromise is up to President Truman. It will be among the most difficult decisions he must make in his first year as President in his own right.

The situation is developing this way. Southern Democrats—As a group they are looking for some way to reduce the scope of the civil rights bill submitted to Congress by Mr. Truman last February.

Republicans—Many of them want to enact all out civil rights legislation. Practically all of them are civil rights as an issue which the Administration can use to repair damaged political prestige. More progressive minority groups will demand that the President and the Democratic Congress make good 100 per cent the Democratic platform. —United Press.

Big Problem In Palestine

Paris, December 7. Stanton Griffiths, new United Nations head of refugee relief for Palestine and former U.S. Ambassador to Poland and Egypt, said last night that it will take about a year to get his project in full swing.

"We will have to take care of about half a million refugees, most of them Arabs, but with a few Jews," he said. "I do not think that any political problems will arise, for it is surely a humanitarian project. It will involve providing food, clothing and shelter for the refugees and I hope that real peace will be established there in a couple of months so we can get along with the job in the best circumstances."

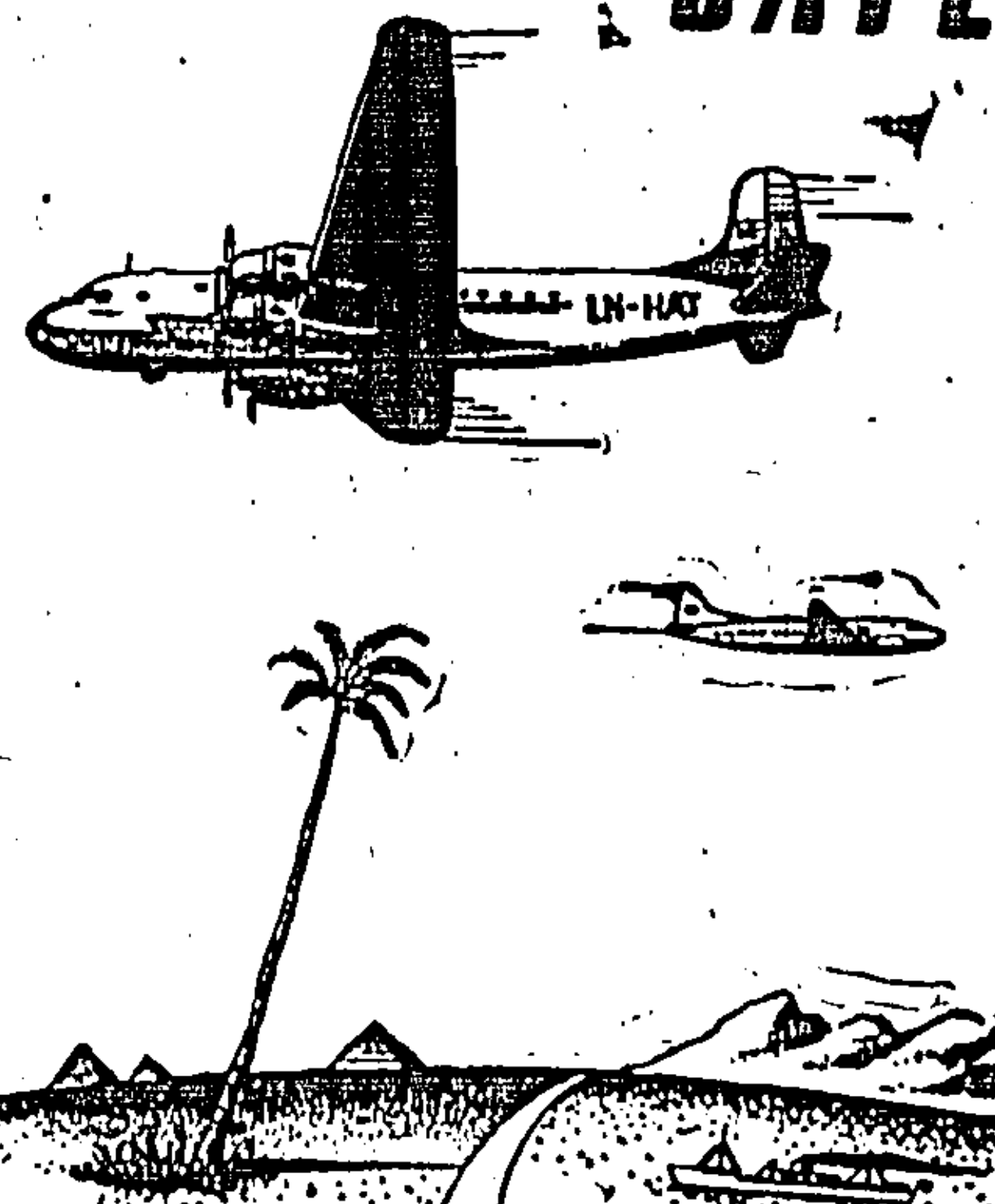
He pointed out that he had US\$2,000,000 in UN-voted funds to spend on the project and said he is going to Geneva on Sunday to set up an accounting staff of 10. —Associated Press.

SIAM CALL-UP

Bangkok, December 6. The Siamese Government is planning to call up five classes of Army, Navy and Air Force reserves after Constitution Day (December 10), according to the vernacular newspaper "Lo Democrat."

The paper said the action had been taken in order to acquaint reservists with modern arms and to keep the country in a state of readiness in case the Communists over-run China, when Siam may be affected. —United Press.

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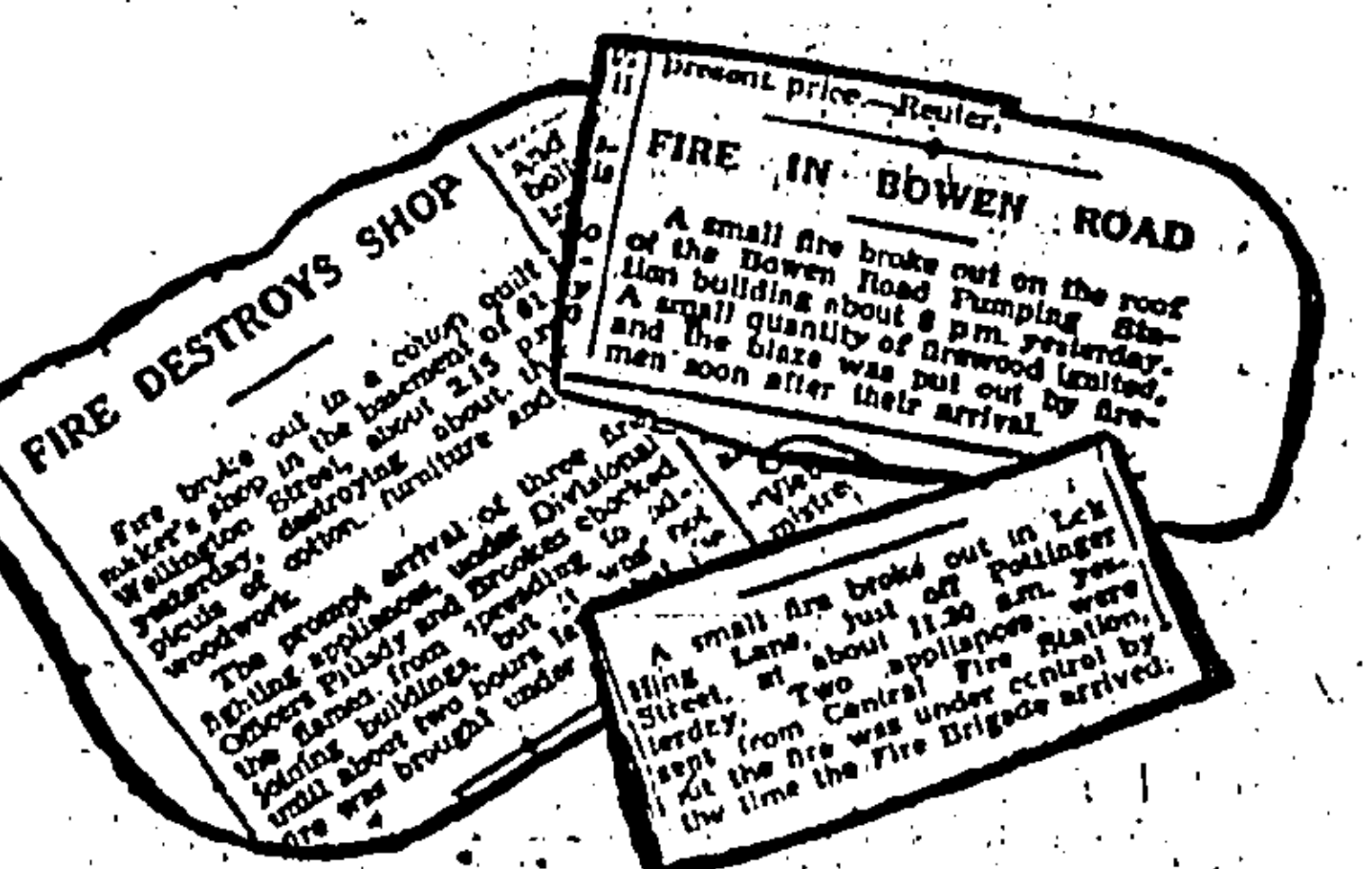
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Smallpox Spreads In Philippines

Manila, December 7. The Secretary of Health, Mr. Antonio Villarama, has ordered a nationwide anti-smallpox inoculation campaign as a precautionary measure, in view of the recent outbreak of the dread disease in two places, Mindoro and Baguio.

At least three cases were reported in Baguio, while more than a score of cases have been reported on Mindoro Island, where the health authorities for weeks have been combating spread of the disease.

Health officials emphasized that there is no epidemic and that the situation is under control, but warned residents to make sure by getting inoculated.

A Chinese immigrant is supposed to have spread the disease in Mindoro and one case in Baguio is also Chinese, United Press.

PLANE CRASH IN MOUNTAINS

San Francisco, December 7. The United States Navy announced that six Naval men were killed in the crash of a private plane last night in the rugged mountains of Central California. The California mountains are near Salinas. Associated Press.

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Woman Today



Fashion details are important, as noted (left to right) in double pocket by Carnegie; Triguere chin-cupping collar; and Carnegie "Jack-in-the-box" collar (two views.)

SLIM LOOK
LEADS NEW
STYLE PARADE

By Barbara E. Scott Fisher
The Christian Science Monitor

Fashion's demands for fresh forms of expression bring continual renewal to this great industry and mirror at the same time the changing outlook of people on themselves and on their world.

A pleasant prospect unfolds in this year's ready-to-wear fashions. The clothes are entirely wearable. Most of the revolutionary features of last season have been modified or dropped, and a change to a less exaggerated silhouette, the introduction of interesting fabrics, the use of deep toned subtle colours and so on, if they cupped the climax of fashion, stabilised hemlines have wiped out any remnants of fashion's "cold war" of discontent.

For Daytime And Evening
The slim look is the newest, but there is nothing restrictive about it because of the introduction of controlled back fullness. This is seen in all but the most

formal clothes, and even then, on occasion, the rule of back fullness and a straight front holds.

The coat dress returns and, being practical and not having been worn for some time, assumes importance. You see it is made for daytime wear in fine woolsens, crepe, and bengaline, and in stiff satins and damasks, usually in gleaming black, for dinner and theatre. This type of dress has tightly fitted hips and often stresses the new high "muffled" collar.

A basic dress silhouette, transposed and varied in many ways, runs through the collections. Sometimes it is called the "fencer" silhouette — for it has the air of a fencer's costume with its smooth uncluttered bodice, snug waistline, and easy skirt fullness.

Dresses cut on shirtwaist lines are in evidence. Brownie gives us dresses with taffeta waists

and wool skirts, and accompanies them with smart short waist-whittling jackets lined to match the bodice.

The bodiless princess dress with its smooth-waisted look and its easy, undulating skirt, catches the imagination. So do many finely woven tweed one-piece dresses, and smooth gabardines whose telling lines may be outlined in black piping or even braid.

Herbert Sondheim does the industry and the customer a grand turn by bringing out his new "Sondette," a proportionate size cut for the short figure. This is not a dress designed for a gnome. It repeats the workmanship, fabric, and price of the dress designed for the taller regular-sized figure.

Story Of Diversity
Suits tell their own story of diversity expressed in jacket lengths, lapel, cuff, and pocket

Typical of the current long slim lines, together with original details, is this cocoa wool suit by Sondheim. Skirt is tiered; coat, buttoned snugly to waist and slightly flared.

Jacket lengths vary with each designer. Wrist length is the most usual. The exceptions are those which hug at the waistline and end there. Few poplins are seen. Many suit jackets rely on novel pocket designs to "provide hip interest. Three tiers of flaps are not unusual and, of course, placed at all angles. Yet some pockets disappear entirely in the side seams of jackets.

Fabrics play an important role in coats. You see coats made of fine soft tweeds, rich suede-like wools, lightweight chinchilla, and many topcoats lined with thin wool jersey.

Fashion News
From Britain

Small details seem more important in the fashion picture this season than changes in line. Although the wide long skirts have definitely been modified — and for this the London dressmakers may take considerable credit since they refused to countenance exaggeration — very little real change has taken place.

This may come in January, when the big spring and summer collections are held, but for the moment the neckline — narrow and deep; the waistline accented; the fluted line of the jacket over the hips; and the stole or shawl are all holding the stage.

Changes in fashion are having their inevitable effect on furs, with the difference that the furrier must regard his art as one which is complementary to that of the dress designer. With this in view the shorter jacket is becoming popular so that the longer, fuller skirt is balanced.

With slim skirts, which are also an important style as a foil to full ones, such a jacket is often stiffened at the back so that it stands out in deep folds. Coats in furs like Persian lamb may have bands of suede inset at the shoulder, while the thicker pelts such as mink are left undisturbed. The latter, in fact, is more popular for long, luxuriously full coats.

While Indian lamb, short and curly, is one of the furs which are cut like fabric; to do this a pelt must be flat and supple otherwise the right effect is not achieved, and if a jacket is very

A Queen's Secrets

Most people know just how a queen lives where she eats and sleeps and how she brings up her family.

But not everybody — in fact, almost nobody except the experts — knows what beauty aids the Queen of Spain, in 1620, kept handy on her dressing table.

But the Warner Bros. research department knows. It found out for Vivica Lindfors, who plays the Queen of Spain to Errol Flynn's Don Juan, in "Adventures of Don Juan."

Feminine tricks have changed little in the intervening 300 years, reported the researchers. The Queen of Spain, like all other women since Eve, was not averse to aiding nature in numerous small ways to increase her beauty, and add to her feminine appeal.

She used face creams and rouge, powder for her sometimes shiny nose, and curlers for her long, black eyelashes.

The lady whom Miss Lindfors will impersonate for "Adventures of Don Juan," drew dark circles

wide and flared. It can be worn literally for any time of the day, over a long dress, a suit or an odd skirt.

A novel and practical jacket is made like a cardigan — collarless, simple and in such furs as natural mink paws. This, again, has a long and practical life before it, for it can accompany a tweed suit or a long dinner suit and be worn with a gray silk stuff tucked in at the neck, while below its three-quarter sleeves glitter your best and widest bracelets.

under her eyes with kohl sticks! Her rouge — this was long before the day of the French perfumers — was sometimes crushed strawberries (when in season) or beet juice. Her face creams were made of tallow.

She plucked her eyebrows, and she carried her beauty kit with her wherever she went, not in a compact but hung from her belt. Also, she had tiny mirrors sewn into her dresses at strategic points so that she could look at herself often, and unnoticed.

But what the property department, charged with the proper furnishing of the Queen's boudoir, wanted to know, was where, and how she kept her beauty aids in the home, away from the prying eyes of her male subjects, yet available at all times.

Well, it seems that the strawberry and beet juice were brought in on the spur of the moment to mollify by some servant kept, no doubt, for just that purpose. But the tallow and the eyebrow plucking instruments as well as the finely ground talc used as powder were kept in silver, ivory and crystal containers. Perfumes, too, mostly oriental in source and scent were kept in crystal bottles. The bottle blowing art is very old.

So, it seems, are most modern day beauty aids.

Fashion Swing

The Christian Science Monitor

Fashions indicate a return to the meridian of femininity, good taste, and wearableness. The fashion pendulum, recently so violently agitated by controversies over waistlines, shoulders, hips, and proportionate skirt lengths, swings again with a pleasingly normal tick.

High collars, slimmer skirts, tiered capes — and an occasional Empire waistline, plique the imagination and hint a new trend in the offing.

In the meantime, clothes are higher waisted. Their long sleeves, closed necklines, and restraint in daytime-skirt lengths and silhouettes lend fashion a well-bred dignity.

Fabrics meet exacting feminine demands for variety. Sheer wools, muted tweeds, worsted jerseys, alpaca fleeces dominate the daytime scene, and — making the smartest comeback of the season — we find broadcloth, satins, velvets, and the fine jacquard brocades highlighted by the restrained use of trimmings, including those gold Victorian inseparables, jet and passementerie, provided a gay social calendar.

Sitting-Down
Styles

The difference in effect of a seated-at-table figure compared with the full-length silhouette proves the importance of trying, the sitting, as well as the standing, lines of a frock before deciding on a fashion.

The real difference is best demonstrated at dinner parties.

Women look charming standing or walking around chatting in strapless frocks.

The same women seated at dinner in a smaller room without the benefit of the long silhouette view, illustrate what is really meant by an attractive above-the-table dress.

A tall, but solid, guest wearing a strapless frock, while walking about appears dignified and elegant; but seated, weighty bare shoulders and arms and a heavy bust-line are not attractive at all. It takes a pretty neat, shapely pair of shoulders to wear the narrow-strapped or strapless type of evening gown, especially when it is to be observed above the table at a dinner party.

Cover-up fashions are often kinder for larger women. — Nice jewellery pieces look better against cover-up necklines if the wearer is of the heavy type. There is not much profit in treating the eyes to a dazzling necklace or clip if it is exhibited on too much flesh.

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MME CHIANG'S APPEAL TO "CHINA'S FRIENDS"

Peasants' Revolution In China

Washington, December 7. The Nanking Government is facing the peasant revolution which began in 1911 and may continue another half century.

Nelson T. Johnson, former U.S. Ambassador to China and now Secretary-General of the Far East Commission, said this today.

"This revolution cannot be stopped today by anybody," Mr. Johnson said.

"The West should be patient with China," he continued.

"It took almost 300 years for Western civilization to reap the benefits of the Renaissance and the Reformation."

Mr. Johnson said he did not know whether American dollars can save Chiang Kai-shek's Government but he offered no opinion as to what U.S. policy should be in the present Chinese crisis. —Associated Press.

FIVE DEAD IN AIR CRASH

Milan, December 7. An Italian Airlines plane en route to Brussels crashed and burned at nearby Forlana airport today, killing the crew of four Italians and one German passenger. —Associated Press.

BRITAIN NOT TO ACT ON GREECE

London, December 7. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told the House of Commons today that Britain will not ask the United Nations to mediate the civil war in Greece.

He said that a statement signed by 100 prominent persons, including 60 Members of

Alleged Colour Bar At Sea

London, December 6. A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr. John Lewis, today asked in the House of Commons what answer the Union Castle Line had made to representations by the Minister of Transport about an alleged colour bar on their ship, the Durban Castle.

Was the Minister satisfied that in future this line would not introduce segregation based on colour or any other type of discrimination, he asked.

The Minister, Mr. Alfred Barnes, said: "These matters are best left to the conscience of the British steamship companies." The line was fully aware of his objections and had informed him that they shared these views.

"As I have no power in these matters, I must leave it to the company to make such arrangements on board a ship as they consider necessary to the general convenience and comfort of the passengers."

Asked if the company had told him they deplored racial discrimination, and at the same time were going to look after the convenience of certain passengers who wanted a colour bar, Mr. Barnes said: "I have not indicated my satisfaction." —Reuter.

STOOGES WILL BE CRUSHED

Rangoon, December 6. The Burmese Government is determined to crush all agents of imperialism engaged in the unholy mission of disrupting the stability of the Union of Burma. Sima Duwa Naung, Burmese Minister for Kachin Affairs, stated today.

In a statement, the Minister appealed to the frontier peoples—the Kachins, Chins, Shans, and Karenites, to repel these imperialist aggressors. He also urged the agents of imperialism to end their evil and subversive activities.

Sima Duwa, who is also the President of the Council of the Frontier Area Peoples, assured Burmese on behalf of the frontier peoples that they will never think of destroying the Union of Burma for the benefit of a third party. —Reuter.

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Washington, December 6. Madame Chiang Kai-shek chose the eve of the seventh anniversary of the Pearl Harbour attack to make her first public pronouncement. She made an appeal that China's friends learn from history how to save civilisation.

The first lady of China, who captured American hearts, and aid, for China during the war, is to make a supreme effort once again this week when she sees President Truman.

Week-end speculation centred on Monday or Tuesday, but at nightfall tonight, it was said that Wednesday might be the day.

Madame Chiang issued the following statement:

"In response to a request for a statement on the occasion of the anniversary of Pearl Harbour, I wish to express what is uppermost in my mind.

"History is a record of past experience of successes and failures of achievements and errors in human affairs. Its value to us is that through it we may, if we are wise, chart our future course more correctly. Or, had we all been gifted with the powers of prophecy, we might have avoided pitfalls and disasters.

Learning From The Past

"I hope the friends of China will be patient and pray earnestly that we may again have

sufficient foresight, through the lessons taught us by the past, to save the civilisation of the future."

Chinese sources said that although Madame Chiang would make no public appearances prior to her audience with President Truman, she may accept invitations to speak afterwards. If she does go to the American public, observers will watch closely her reception and compare it to the ovations she received in 1942-43.

At that time, even though President Roosevelt received her and she spoke to a joint session of Congress, she met much under-estimated opposition in certain Washington quarters, where fears were expressed that aid to China might subvert something from the all-out effort in Europe. However, Madame Chiang took Congress, as well as the American people during a cross-country tour, by storm.

In speeches before crowds, like that of 17,000 gathered in Madison Square Garden on March 3, 1943, she told them China had bled for the last six long years but would fight on.

Meeting With Mr. Truman

Today, she can change the six years to eleven. She has already said, in a recent broadcast from China, that her country will fight on.

In Ottawa, she spoke to a joint session of the Canadian Parliament and was the first woman ever to do that. Undoubtedly, she was instrumental in helping to win much aid for her country. But China then was an Allied power fighting a common foe. Whether she can win again in the vastly different situation now may depend on what Mr. Truman recommends to Congress after seeing Madame Chiang and conferring with his advisers.

The meeting will be the second time that Mr. Truman as President has received Madame Chiang. The first time was a courtesy call she made in August 1945, just before returning to China after her second trip to this country.

Taiwan Bases Report

Congressional sources saw little chance of approval for a Chinese plan for \$3,000 million of American aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek over the next three years.

The whole question of American participation in foreign civil wars is likely to come under close scrutiny during the next session of Congress, these sources said, in view of the pessimistic results of aid to Greece reported by President Truman today.

Chinese Embassy sources refused to comment on reports that the Chinese Government had offered the United States military bases in Taiwan in return for extended aid.

They said they were not pessimistic over the results of Madame Chiang's conference so far. —United Press and Reuter.

U.S. Army Aid To Nanking

Washington, December 6. An Army spokesman said today that United States Army supplies valued at \$10,000,000 had been delivered to China since July under the \$125,000,000 aid programme.

This did not include supplies sent by the Air Force or Navy, nor did it include about \$45,000,000 in surplus supplies left in the Pacific which were turned over to China.

Surplus equipment was not included in the \$125,000,000 aid programme. —United Press.

BRIBE INQUIRY

DALTON ALLEGED TO HAVE ASKED FOR JOB

London, December 7.

Dr. Hugh Dalton, ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, asked for a £10,000 a year company directorship but was turned down.

This was alleged today by Sidney Stanley, key witness in the inquiry into allegations of corruption in Government circles.

When the Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, asked: "You are not really saying that Mr. Dalton sought a directorship of £10,000 or of any figure?" Stanley answered:

"You don't want to pursue it, do you?"

Sir Hartley then said frigidly: "Answer the question, Yes or No." Stanley, interrupted as he was going to say something else, snapped: "You want to bury these names," and said the answer was "Yes."

Stanley said he took Mr. Dalton to see Mr. Isaac Wolfson, Chairman and Managing Director of Great Universal Stores, one of Britain's biggest retail traders.

There was a question of Mr. Dalton taking a directorship but Mr. Wolfson said: "I don't want Mr. Dalton on my board."

Heated Duel

Mr. Dalton became a Minister—Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster—at £5,000 a year a few days later.

Stanley said Mr. Wolfson offered Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, a directorship at £10,000 a year, but Mr. Belcher refused, saying: "If you offered me £20,000 I would not be interested while this country is in need of me."

Stanley, appearing for the third day in the witness stand, several times became heated during his duel with the Attorney General, to whom he retorted at one point: "Don't try and bully me."

Earlier he had exclaimed: "Now listen, Mr. Attorney, don't try to twist me." There was a remarkable scene when Stanley burst into loud laughter as the Attorney General mentioned various names he suggested Stanley had used.

Turning to the Chairman, he protested: "My Lord, the Attorney General gives me 100 names which he says are my names."

Frauds Denied

Sir Hartley banged his fist on the table as Stanley insisted that he knew nothing about a deportation order for fraud made against him in 1933.

Stanley, the Attorney General alleged, had gone to Ireland and then returned in a different name, thus evading deportation.

When Sir Hartley put it to him that he had engaged in a long-term fraud, he shouted: "That is untrue."

Stanley also denied that in the past year he had been engaged in a whole system of fraud by suggesting to clients that he could obtain licences from Government departments, that he had evaded income tax, that he had ever paid or lent money either to Mr. Belcher or to Mrs. Belcher.

The Attorney General sat down after questioning Stanley for nearly 10 hours. —Reuter.

Snub For Soviet Korean Stooges

Paris, December 6.

The United Nations Political Committee today decided against inviting a representative of the Communist-led Korean People's Democratic Republic to take part in its discussions on Korea.

ANGLO-DANISH FUNCTION

London, December 5.

Queen Elizabeth attended a large reception given by the Anglo-Danish Society tonight at the Victoria and Albert Museum, where Danish art treasures are now being exhibited.

Princess Margaret and the Duke of Edinburgh accompanied the Queen. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and Mrs. Attlee were among the several hundred other distinguished persons present.

Trumpeters sounded ancient Danish war horns to herald the Queen's arrival. At the reception, Queen Elizabeth met the Society's chairman, Sir Michael Kroger-Kleberg, Lady Kleberg and members of the Society's Council.

The Hoppel string quartet played music for the reception. Sir Lawrence Olivier, the British actor, read passages from English translations of Oskar Grammatius and the Hans Christian Andersen story "It's Perfectly True."

Danish delicacies were served at supper.

Queen Mary, the Queen Mother, and her daughter, the Princess Royal, visited the exhibition earlier today. —Reuter.

BOMB IN PLANE KILLED TODT

Munich, December 6.

Dr. Fritz Todt, builder of Hitler's Atlantic Wall and the Nazi Minister of Armaments and Production, was killed by a bomb smuggled into his aeroplane in 1942.

The German aircraft manufacturer, Ernst Heinkel, told the Todt Denazification trial in Munich today that the bomb was placed in the plane by an unknown man in German uniform.

The court classified Todt as an offender of the second category and ordered half his property, estimated to be worth 22,000 Deutsch marks, to be confiscated. —Reuter.

ALGERIA CLASH

Paris, December 6.

Two Muslim workers were killed and three other Muslims wounded in a clash between customs guards and a crowd of 3,000 at Beni Saf, 65 miles South West of Oran, in Algeria.

Customs men first fired blank shots when stoned by men from whom they tried to seize alleged smuggled goods. They were then attacked by the crowd and opened fire with live cartridges. —Reuter.

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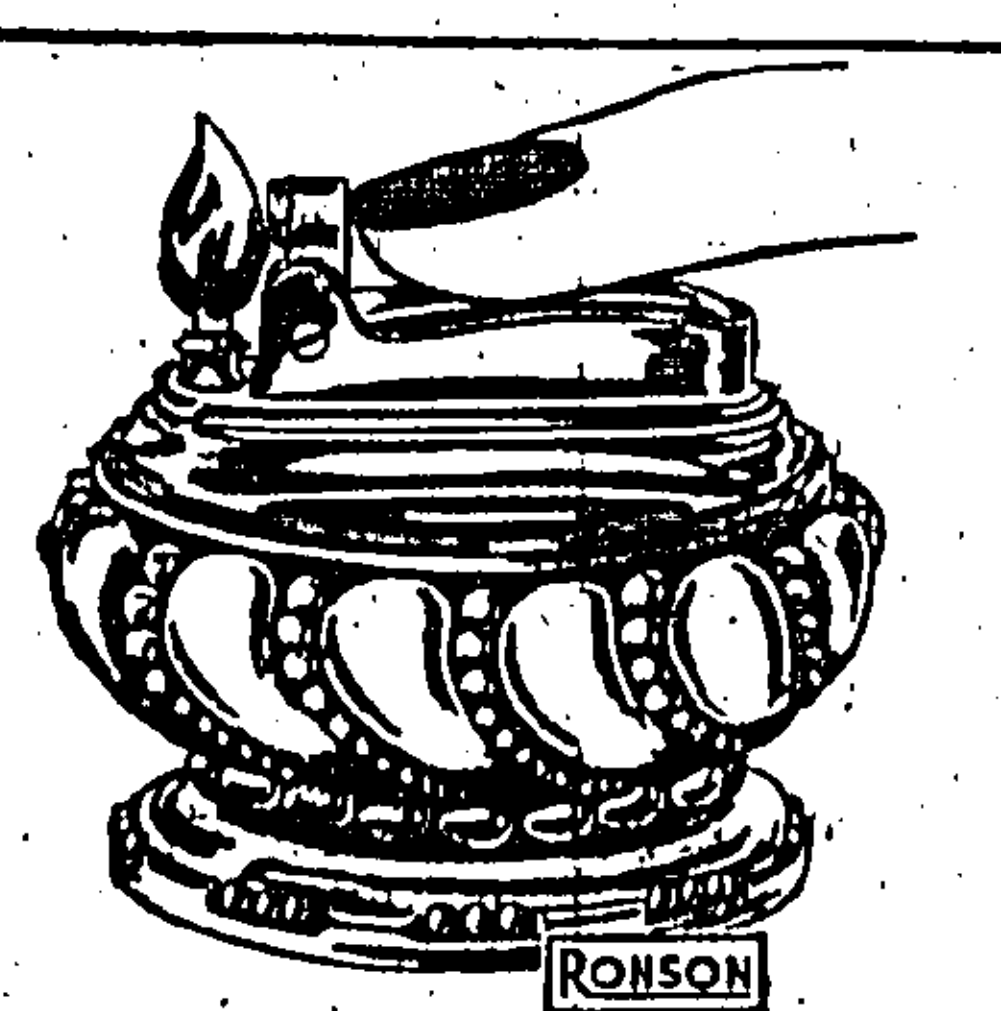
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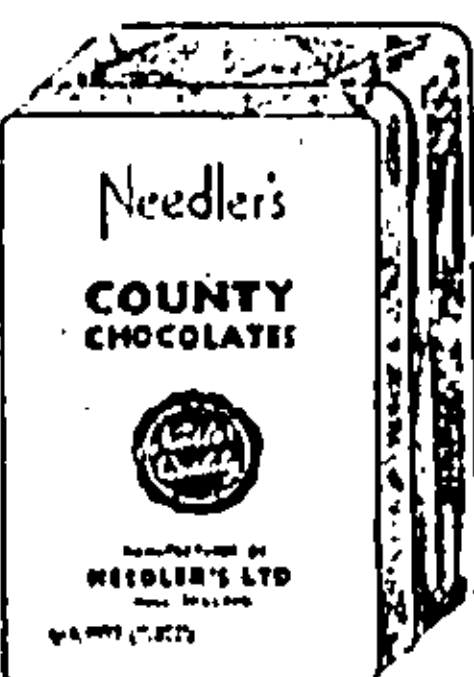
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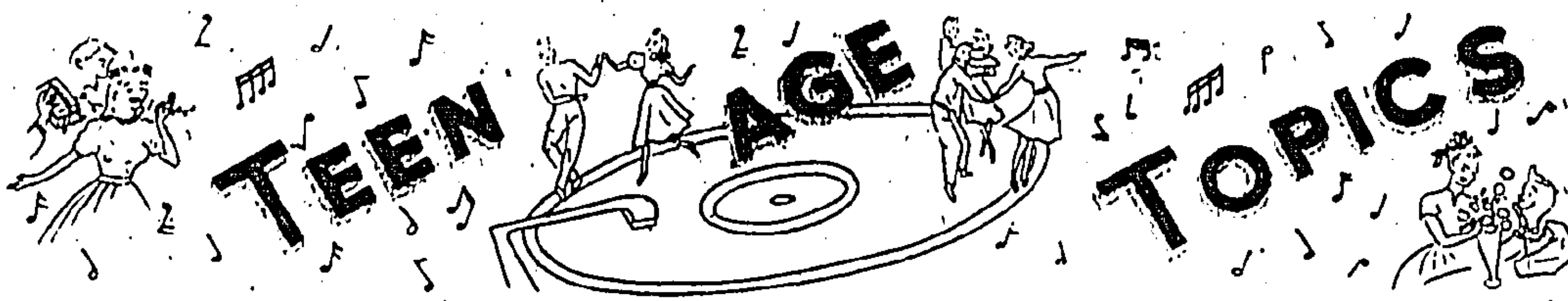
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Editorial

 Your Opinions

During the week, the Topics made a round of the local teen age community with queues appearing to the proposed club for the colony's teen agers.

Of some 40 interviewed, just about 20 think that the idea is feasible. Ten were critically against it—"people of the colony grew up with certain prejudices. Can this be undone overnight, and in the atmosphere of the suggested council meeting?" was a typical opinion of the dissenters. The remainder were laudatory. "Oh well, there is never any harm in trying."

The optimists seemed a little more practical. Their views, incorporated and condensed, read something like this:

"Of course the biggest problem facing teen agers and, incidentally the Topics when it does get down to it, is the lack of facilities in accommodation and organized fun such as dances, picnics and other stimulating activities. This however, is by no means an insurmountable block. And whereas I alone cannot supply the solution, I am sure if we teen agers could get together, we may."

Among this group there is a suggestion that if it was not really possible for all teen agers to hang out together, then for the time being, each separate group should begin to form, and each group being separate and independent of the other, their activities should be given publicity in the Topics. In this way, it was suggested, a forward move will be made towards one complete organization.

And that is what you all are saying since the first move for a local Teen Age Club was instituted.

We ourselves have received a number of letters enthusiastically endorsing our editorial of November 24. More opinions and ideas are required from you before we can begin to chart our course. We as much as ourselves, do not wish the show to be a flop!



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PERSONALITY

Lok Ton-chang is an overseas Chinese. His home is in the Seychelles Islands—a British Crown colony in the Indian Ocean—where he was born on July 3, 1931.

Ton-chang has lived most of his 17 years in the Seychelles, coming to Hong Kong only in December 1946, to be with his



LOK TON-CHANG

parents who had come East earlier. He is now connected with The Central Trading Co. Ltd.

At home in the Seychelles Islands, Ton-chang attended St. Louis College run by the Marist Brothers, a Roman Catholic institution, from which he obtained his junior certificate. He was also for a short while at the King's College, which, like the one in Hong Kong, is also a government school.

Ton-chang's ambition is to be a qualified accountant. He is taking evening studies in accountancy sponsored by the government, and expects to complete them in two to three years' time. Last June, he won one of the four prizes awarded by the local government for English. He is interested in languages and speaks four of them—French, English, Cantonese and Mandarin. He is also a follower of the world's politics. "I think the

British attitude is a little stern but I do not know another which is as just," he said.

Ton-chang reads much in English as well as in French. His favourite books are "Tales of the Bounty" by H.G. Wyatt and literature by Charles Kingsley such as "The Harems."

In the sporting field, football and cricket appeal greatly to him although "I do not take part in the games actively."

"My pet local cricket team is the Hong Kong Cricket Club and in the football field, South China 'A'."

"So far I am enjoying my stay in Hong Kong. And I think I can say quite truthfully that I like Hong Kong a little better than the Seychelles Islands."

Figure Aids

Good posture is one trick that can be done with the aid of mirrors. Begin by looking yourself over. Are you round shouldered? Or swaybacked? Or do you lead with your stomach? Whatever the trouble is, it can be solved by simple exercises.

Begin with the simplest deep breathing ones. If your chest is up and out, shoulders back, turn my will fall into line. Stand erect, breathe in, rising high on the toes. Breathe out, returning to original position. Do it over again.

Even when sitting and you feel humped and cramped, you can straighten out the kinks by sitting well back in the chair, breathing deeply. Sit tall, and keep knees together, because spread knees now, mean spread hips later on.

To help a swayback, which is the kind of back that inclines to hollowness, making hips look out of kilter and ruining the hang of your skirts, do this one ten times a day.

Lie on the stomach with the legs together, clasp the hands behind you and raise head and chest as high as possible without letting your legs leave the floor.

To learn to walk correctly, stand erect against a wall, heels apart in a natural position, toes straight ahead. Take a deep breath, exhaling slowly but keeping the chest up. Walk five steps forward arms and shoulders relaxed. Turn and walk back to the wall. You can vary this exercise by doing it with the arms out at the sides palms down.

Teen agers are especially advised not to wear high heels too soon or you will be swaybacked. And don't carry piles of books or weighty brief cases if you can help it. If you can't, shift the load from arm to arm, otherwise you will pull one arm down and enlarge one hip.

Platter Chatter

THE DISC JOCKEY POLL

The Disc Jockeys, the men who spin and choose the records in America's radio stations, have had their second annual poll conducted by the enterprising Billboard magazine. Some of the results are:

Favourite male vocalists: 1. Bing Crosby; 2. Frank Sinatra; 3. Perry Como; 4. Dick Haymes. Bing was an easy winner scoring 238 points more than Frankie while only 28 points separated Sinatra from Como. Dick Haymes was behind Como by 28 points. Favourite female vocalists: 1. Peggy Lee; 2. Jo Stafford; 3. Dinah Shore; 4. Margaret Whiting. Peggy had a run-away victory while Dinah lost second place to Jo Stafford by the slim margin of 11 marks.

The English chip Beryl Davis finished eleventh, a creditable position for a comparatively new singer, particularly when she was placed only just behind Ella Fitzgerald and ahead of both Martha Tilton and Helen Forrest.

First places for band vocalists were awarded to Vaughn Monroe and June Christy (the Stan Kenton Band's thrush). The choice of the best records of the year testified to the paucity of good new tunes. Seven of the first 11 sides are reissues. The year when these tunes first became popular are given by me in parentheses.

Nature Boy—King Cole, 1944; Manana—Peggy Lee; St. Louis Blues March—Tex Beneke (1944); Ballerina—Vaughn Monroe (1947); Now Is the Hour—Gene Fields (adapted from the Maury farwell song); Four Leaf Clover—Art Mooney (1939); Lover—Les Paul (1933); You Can't Be True Dear—Ken Griffin, Jerry Wayne; Golden Earrings—Peggy Lee (1947); Now Is the Hour—Bing Crosby.

Let me take you back a decade and compare the above with the tunes of 1938—A-Tisket A-Tasket; Bel Ami; Du Schien; Cathedral in the Pines; Heigh Ho; Love Walked In; Music, Maestro, Please; Says My Heart; September Song; Mexican Rose; In a Little Red Book and Thanks for the Memory.

And, in 1928, when our teen agers were not yet born, their parents were singing: Angels Sing; Honey; I Can't Give You Anything But Love; I Kiss Your Hand, Madame; I'll Get By; Jeannie, I Dream of Lili; Time; Lover, Come Back to Me; Marching; Moonlight and Roses; Precious Little Time. Called Love, The Wren.

SUSIE



"I love dancing with you, Susie. It's developing my legs for tennis!"

TEEN TALK

I was very glad to read in the issue of November 24 about the teen age council and I would like to add my name to the roll. I know that I am not the first but I would like to congratulate you for your help to the start of such an organization.

Some time ago, I recall your saying that you would have a serial story but sorry to say, you have never begun it. We are all looking forward to it.

Could I make a suggestion? I have noticed that most of the teen agers as they are the people column are either 18 or 19 years of age. Don't you think that it is about time we had teen agers between 14 and 17?

I think the cartoons on Susie are very good and I wish we could have strips of this cartoon instead of just one block.

Wanda R.

I have followed with increasing interest the very popular Wednesday feature Teen Age Topics which unfortunately appears only once a week, and wholeheartedly endorse the idea of forming a club for teen agers. It is my opinion that particular attention should be accorded to teen agers as they are the people who will some day take over from the elders, and a teen age club would be just the thing to prepare them for it.

H.F. Ozorio.

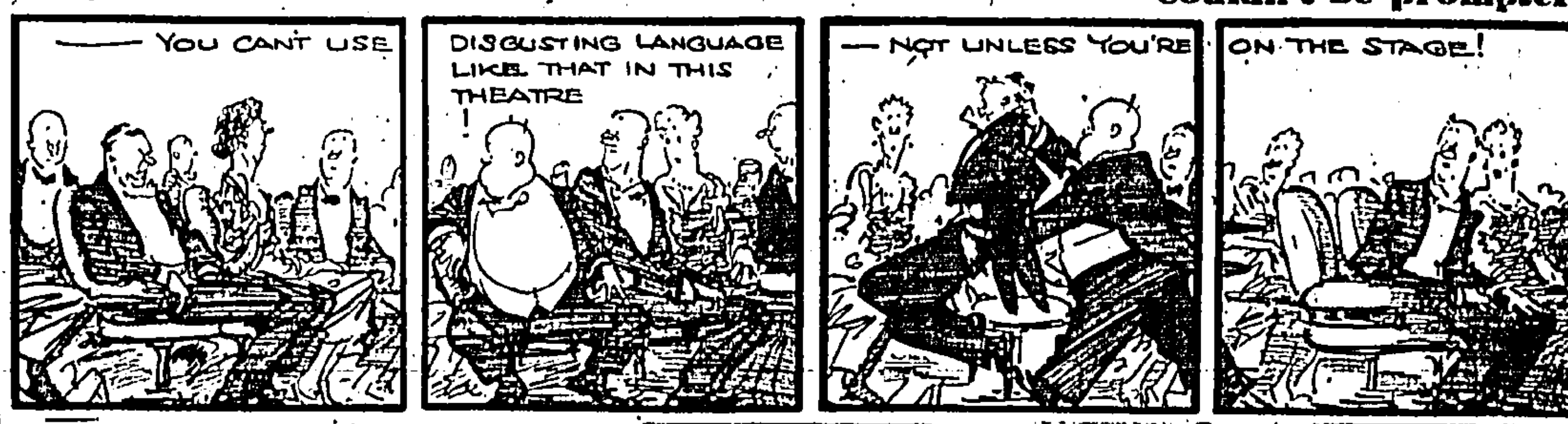
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Your teen age club idea is wonderful, and I am glad to see it is beginning to take form. I would like very much to be a member and am looking forward to learn about the time and place of the first meeting.

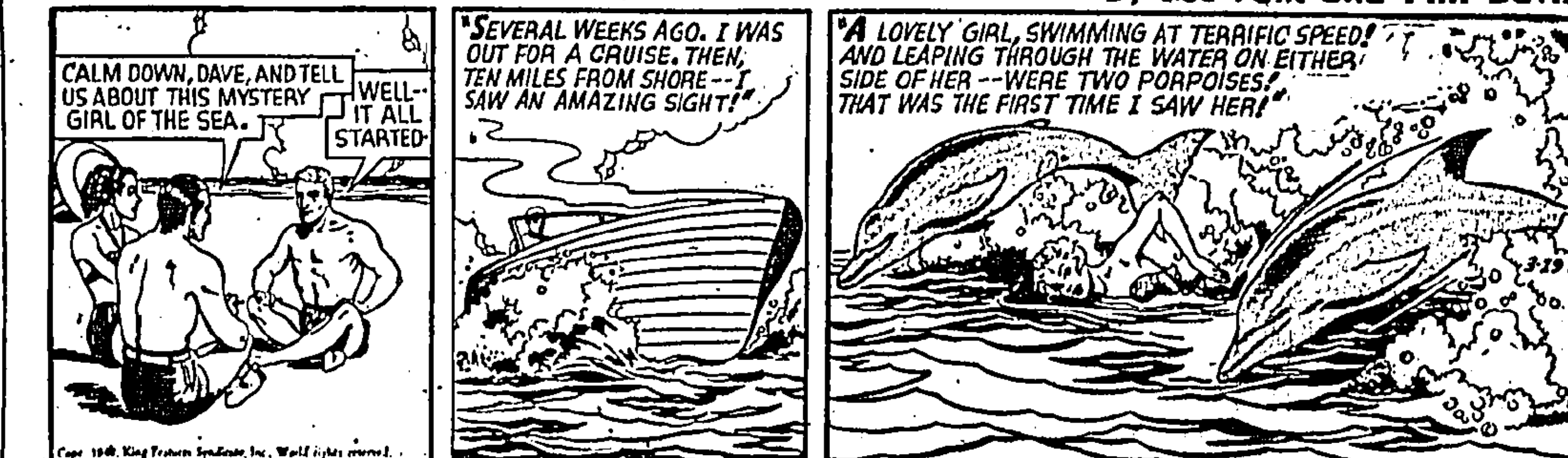
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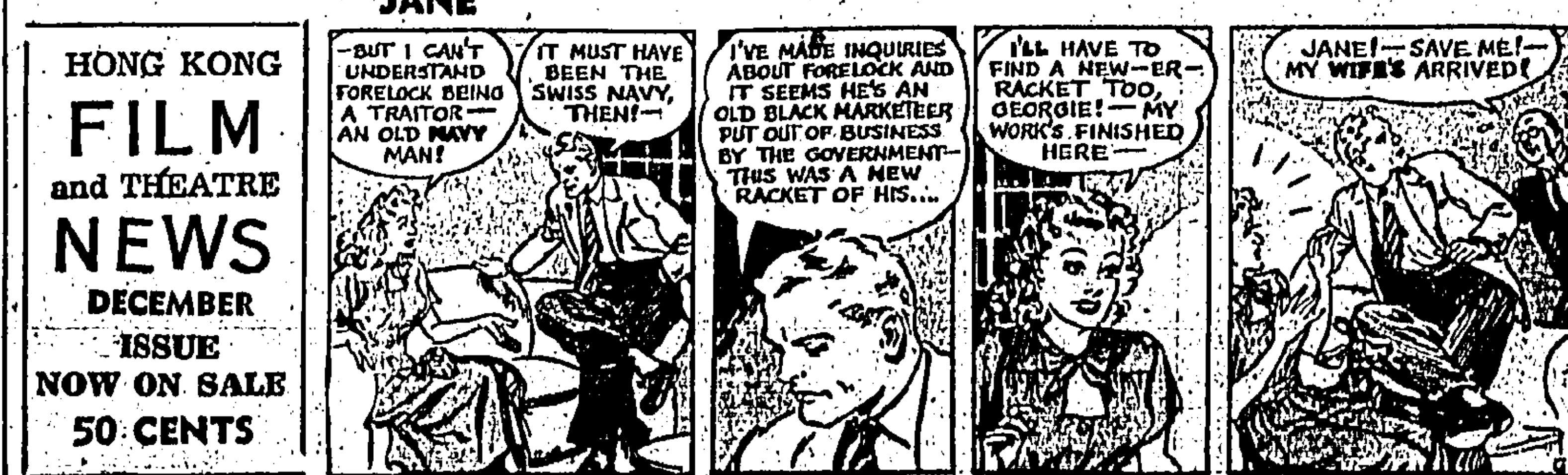


By Leo Falk and Phil Davis

RIP KIRBY



By ALEX RAYMOND





Prince Axel of Denmark, Chairman of The East Asiatic Company Ltd., who paid a short visit to the Colony last week, is shown, third from left, greeting a guest at a cocktail party at The Grippe. (China Mail photo).



Some of the 300 guests at the cocktail party in honour of the Prince. Prince Axel came here during his tour of some of the 32 offices of the Company and left on Sunday. (China Mail Photo)



Another group at the cocktail party. They are, from left, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Prince Axel, and Sir Robert's son, Mr. Edward Ho Tung. (China Mail photo)



Some of the large crowd which attended last Thursday's cocktail party at The Grippe to meet Prince Axel, visiting member of the Danish Royal Family. (China Mail photo)



At the party to the Prince. From left Mr. E. Christiansen, Mr. John Small, Mrs. Small, Mrs. J. Jenkins and Mr. Jenkins. (China Mail photo)



Wedding group at the marriage of Mr. Lawrence Ng and Miss Clare Leung-tok. (Sun Ying Ming studio)



Mr. Kwan Ting-fun and his bride, who was Miss Chan Ming, after their marriage at the Supreme Court. (Sun Ying Ming studio)



Peter Cruz sits behind the cake at the party given for his first birthday. Several of his friends were entertained at his home by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Cruz.

Leaving the Roman Catholic Cathedral after their marriage on Friday are Mr. Seta K. K. Keung and his bride who was Miss Kong Yuet-fong. (Golden studio)



Relatives and friends form a group behind Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kuo-chao Lu after their marriage at St. John's Cathedral on Thursday afternoon. The bride was Miss Evelyn Jeanette Li. (China Mail photo)



Prince Axel of Denmark, Chairman of The East Asiatic Company Ltd., who paid a short visit to the Colony last week, is shown, third from left, greeting a guest at a cocktail party at The Grippe. (China Mail photo).



Some of the 300 guests at the cocktail party in honour of the Prince. Prince Axel came here during his tour of some of the 32 offices of the Company and left on Sunday. (China Mail Photo)



Another group at the cocktail party. They are, from left, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Prince Axel, and Sir Robert's son, Mr. Edward Ho Tung. (China Mail photo)



Some of the large crowd which attended last Thursday's cocktail party at The Grippe to meet Prince Axel, visiting member of the Danish Royal Family. (China Mail photo)



At the party to the Prince. From left Mr. E. Christiansen, Mr. John Small, Mrs. Small, Mrs. J. Jenkins and Mr. Jenkins. (China Mail photo)



Wedding group at the marriage of Mr. Lawrence Ng and Miss Clare Leung-tok. (Sun Ying Ming studio)



Mr. Kwan Ting-fun and his bride, who was Miss Chan Ming, after their marriage at the Supreme Court. (Sun Ying Ming studio)



Peter Cruz sits behind the cake at the party given for his first birthday. Several of his friends were entertained at his home by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Cruz.

Leaving the Roman Catholic Cathedral after their marriage on Friday are Mr. Seto K. K. Keung and his bride who was Miss Kong Yuet-fong. (Golden studio)



Relatives and friends form a group behind Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kuo-chao Lu after their marriage at St. John's Cathedral on Thursday afternoon. The bride was Miss Evelyn Jeanette Li. (China Mail photo)



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, (centre) photographed with some of those who attended the farewell party at the Po Leung Kuk in honour of Sir Robert Ho Tung, who is on Sir Alexander's right. (Sun Ying Ming studio)



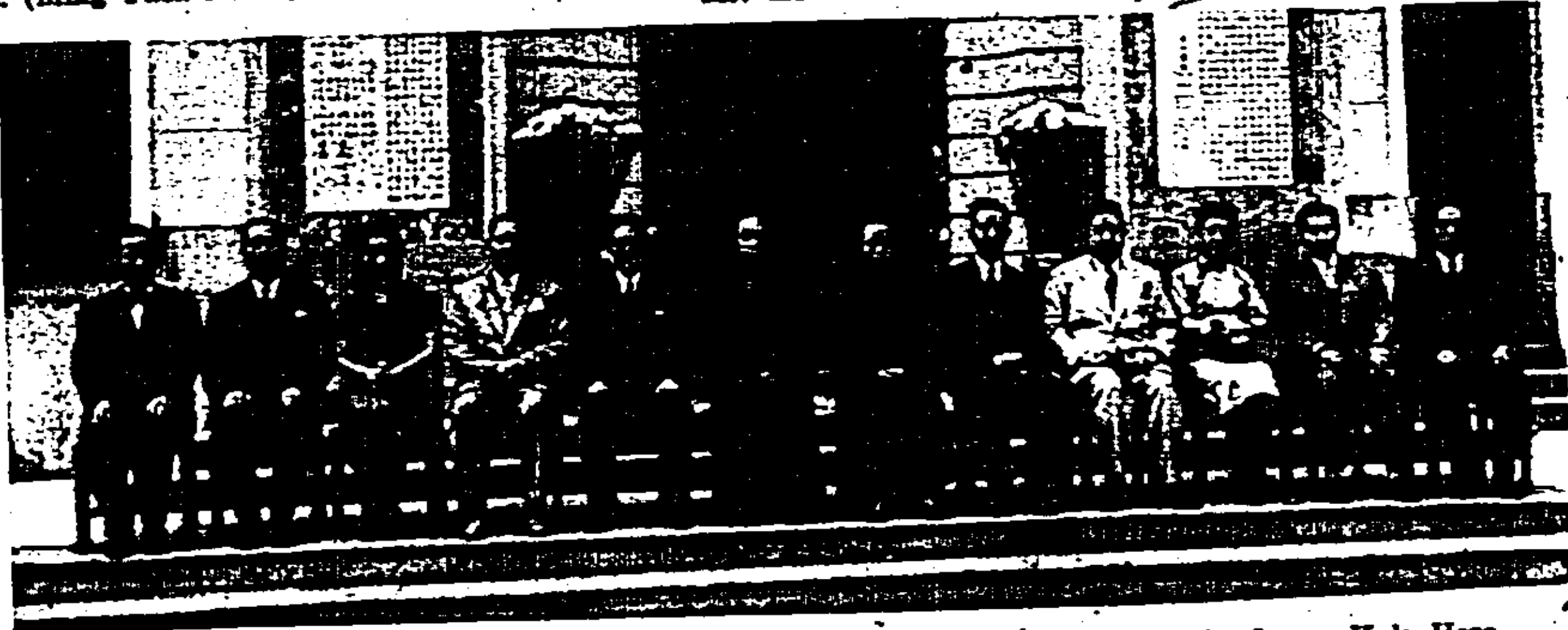
Young pupils of the French Convent School on stage during a school performance of "Patricia," a drama in four acts. (Ming Yuen studio)



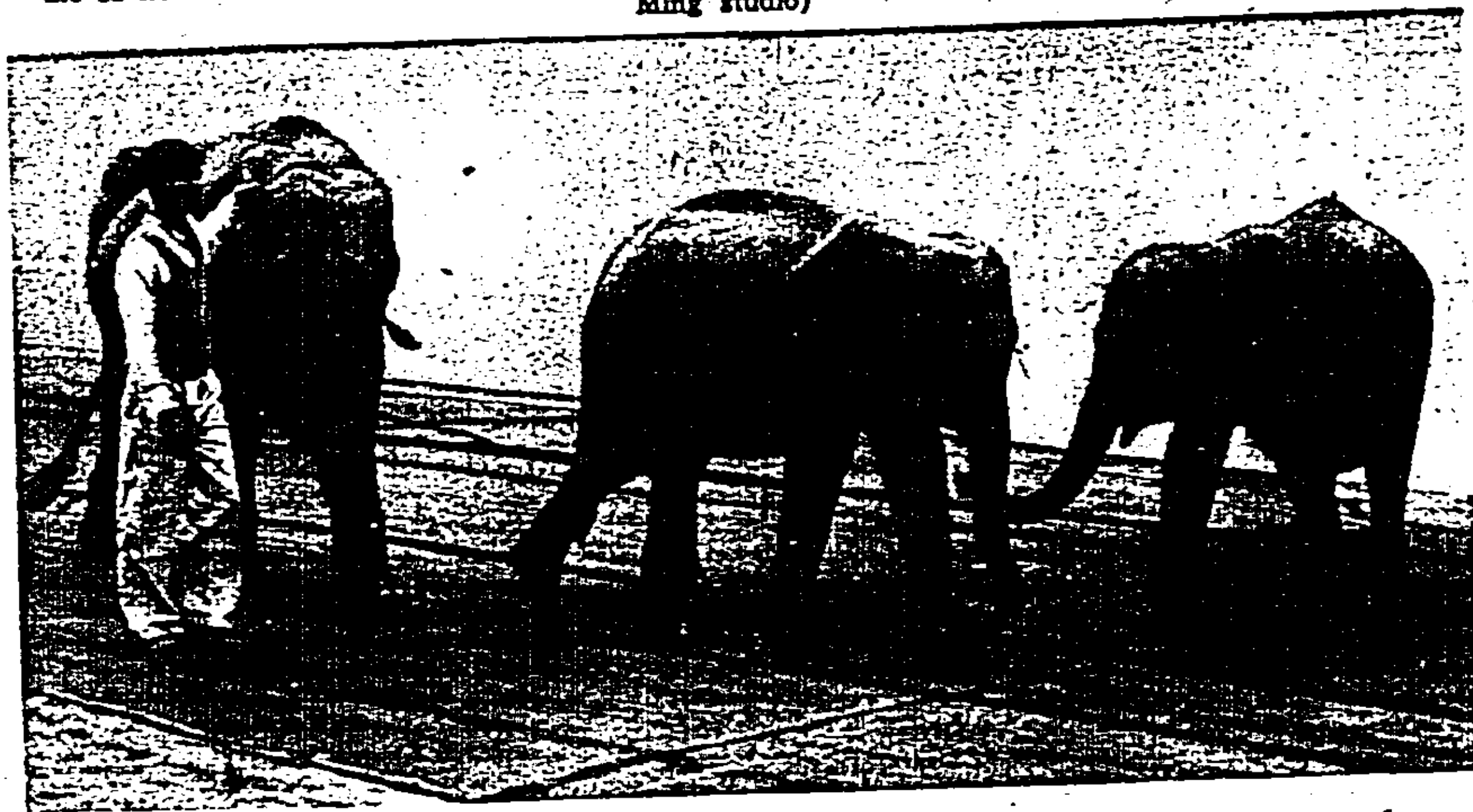
Prince Axel of Denmark (centre) enjoys a joke at a press reception in Repulse Bay Hotel. At left is Mr. M. Pagh and at right Mr. Haakon Christiansen. (China Mail photo)



Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, astride the motor cycle presented to him when he opened the bicycle and motor cycle show, London. (A.P. photo)



Two women are included on the committee for the current year of the Po Leung Kuk. Here the 12 new members are photographed after they had assumed office on November 26. (Sun Ying Ming studio)



One of these three elephants belonging to the Kamala Circus does not seem to want to leave, but was finally taken aboard the ss Chinese Prince. (China Mail photo)

MORE BABY COMPETITION ENTRIES.



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Conciliation In Disputes Urged In U.N. Committee

Paris, December 7.

Britain, the United States and China today urged the United Nations to adopt new measures to further conciliation in political disputes.

The measures would set up additional machinery for conciliation between countries.

They would provide:

1. Appointment of a special conciliator for disputes brought before the Security Council.
2. Setting up of a panel of enquiry and conciliation, available at all times to all states, whether or not members of the United Nations, which are parties to any controversy.

Mr. Benjamin V. Cohen of the United States, Sir Alexander Crichton of Britain and Mr. Shu Shih-shan of China all spoke in favour of the proposals as the General Political Committee of the General Assembly started consideration of the matter.

Mr. Cohen and Sir Alexander both stressed that the resolution on the appointment of a special conciliator was entirely in line with the practice already followed by the Security Council in the

Berlin case. The same practice had also been used by the League of Nations.

The Procedure

The resolution suggested that the following practice should be followed by the Security Council with a view to reaching conciliation in disputes:

After a situation or dispute has been brought to the attention of the Council, the parties shall be invited to meet the Council's President.

They shall attempt to agree upon a representative of the Council to act as rapporteur or conciliator for the case.

After a conciliator has been appointed, the Council should endeavour to abstain from further action for a reasonable interval during which actual efforts at conciliation are in progress.

Allowed To Choose

The resolution on the setting up of a panel for enquiry and conciliation was based upon a joint Chinese-United States initiative.

It invited each member to designate from one to five persons, who by reason of their training, experience, character and standing are deemed to be well fitted to serve as members of conciliation.

Parties to disputes would be allowed to choose from this panel members of commissions to perform tasks of enquiry or conciliation with a view to settlement of the controversy.

Mr. Julius K. S. S. of Poland said he opposed both resolutions because they had been submitted by the Little Assembly. The S. S. S. regards that as an illegal body.

He said he regarded them as merely another means of bypassing the Security Council—Associated Press.

Debate On National Service

London, December 6

In a Commons debate in committee on the National Service Amendment Bill, the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, today said he had warned the House in 1947 that the period could only be reduced from 18 months to a year if the Government reserved the right to reconsider the matter.

"The fact is that in order to meet our commitments in a short term sense for the next two, three or four years, it is essential we should be able to make use of those called-up under the National Service Act for duties not confined to this country."

The increase was also justified on the ground that 18 months was the period required for training.

The increasing international tension was a very important factor in the decision, he said.

"From all reports the general opinion in the country is that these things are required in the national interest."

He had not found in the Forces any great resentment at having to perform their duty. He could not give the target for the three forces but said, "A great many people would like to see the regular forces so increased in size as to obviate the need for National Service altogether."—Reuter.

INDIA CONFERS WITH PAKISTAN

New Delhi, December 6.

Pakistan and Indian representatives began negotiations here today in an effort to settle all disputes between the two countries with the exception of Kashmir.

Conference agenda includes a review of previous agreements, the exodus of Hindus from Eastern Pakistan and of Muslims from India, boundary and border disputes and financial matters arising from partition.

Several Ministers of both Dominions are attending the Conference, which is expected to last a week.—Reuter.

Anti-U.S. Slogans On Consulate

Nanking, December 7.

A Chinese Government official reported today that the American flag was still flying over the U.S. Consulate-General in Communist Mukden when he escaped last month.

The official, who requested anonymity, said he escaped from the Manchurian metropolis on November 18. Mukden fell to the Reds on October 31.

On the day the official fled, the Communists seized the American Consulate's radio transmitter after a 36-hour warning. An Embassy spokesman here said there had been no further contact with Angus Ward, the U.S. Consul-General in Mukden.

The Chinese official said three slogans had been painted on the Consulate building. They were: "Down with American Imperialism," "Get the American Army out of China," and "Protect the Property of Foreigners."

He said the latter slogan was written in small letters beneath the other two. The official reported conditions in Mukden as returning to normal. Shops were reopening. The Russian-owned Tschurin-Tschurin and Company was again operating, he added.



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King Continues To Improve In Health

London, December 6.

The health of King George continues to be good and he devotes a considerable proportion of his time to the conduct of affairs of State, an official bulletin said tonight.

The bulletin stated: "The process of restoration of the arterial circulation to the feet is proceeding slowly, and, since the bulletin of November 29, a further small but encouraging improvement has occurred."

"In order to secure the rest and the warm environment which are indispensable for the reestablishment of the circulation, His Majesty is remaining in his apartments and spends most of the time in bed."

The bulletin was signed by the five doctors who issued the first announcement of the King's illness. They examined the King earlier today.—Reuter.

Russians Never, Never Will Be (Kitchen) Slaves

Paris, December 6.

Russian women who leave the Soviet Union with foreign husbands will become kitchen slaves. That is why the Soviet Government does not let them out.

That was what the Soviet delegate, Alexei Pavlov told the United Nations Legal Committee today, and he cited the case of one woman who had found disillusionment abroad, even having to sell her jewelry.

Opposing the Chilean resolution condemning Russia for clamping down the Iron Curtain to keep its women home, Mr. Pavlov cited a long list of complaints which, he said, were made by disillusioned Russian women who had gone abroad as brides.

Most of the complaints he read have been published in Moscow newspapers.

Don't Mention It

He quoted a woman named Mrs. Thomas Clark as saying, "It has become clear that only must I cook dinner for my

husband, but that I should know exactly when he steals in the house, for at that moment warm plates must be put on."

Another wife said she had to pawn jewels brought from Moscow when her husband lost his job.

This woman said her husband had promised her life in Great Britain would be materially secure and culturally pleasant.

She added, "Culture should not be mentioned. In two and a half years in London, I was not able to attend the theatre."

The woman said she felt justified in divorcing her husband and taking her son to Russia, where he would never know the unemployment and misery his father faced.

No Freedom

Mr. Pavlov said that 16 American States forbade marriage between whites and Chinese, Louisiana and Oklahoma, he said, forbade marriage between Indians and negroes and Maryland refused to let whites marry Malaysians or negroes. Georgia forbade marriage between whites and Asians or negroes.

This, Mr. Pavlov said, showed there was no freedom of marriage in the United States.

If British husbands wanted to live with their Russian wives, he continued, let them go to Russia, because the women did not want to leave home after hearing of the terrible conditions in Britain.—United Press.

BRITAIN MAY REARM SIAM

London, December 6.

The British Government has not come to any agreement with the Government of Siam on re-equipping the Siamese Army, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in the House of Commons today.

He was replying to a question by Mr. Leonard Gihmann, Conservative, who also asked whether any application had been made by Siam recently.

Mr. Mayhew said that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, was considering some recommendations he had received from the British Ambassador in Bangkok. Mr. Mayhew did not reply when Mr. John Platts Mills, Independent Labour, asked him to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that every Member of his side of the House wants an end put to the bolstering of these primitive, fooling reactionary regimes.—Reuter.

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Washington, December 6.

The Allied Far Eastern Commission today announced that it has decided to permit Japanese world trade to go back to virtually a peacetime footing subject to SCAP discretion.

The decision also makes possible the entrance and residence in Japan of expanded categories of trading personnel.

London Stock Exchange

London, December 6.

Speculative activity in Brazilian railways provided a feature today.

Take-over hopes prompted good buying and Leopoldum debentures were among those showing sharp rises.

Other sections were quiet, with few noteworthy alterations.

Government stocks were widely 1/16 to 1/8 lower.

Foreign bonds were the result of the lack of interest rather than selling.

Industrials took their lead from gold and showed small declines.

The foreign bond market was firmer when mentioned, American issues were better, following the payment of interest due on December 1, and support produced a small gain in Dutch bonds.

Renewed talk of a takeover by the steel company produced buyers of Venezuela Oil Concessions. The price advanced by 5/32 to 6/25/32. Other oils were quietly steady.

Relative support for South African mining resulted in an occasional gain among non-preferred. Dividend payers were steady with dealers awaiting dividend announcements.

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Allowed in would be industrial concerns, banks, insurance companies, oil and shipping companies and representatives of companies or individuals who had pre-war property interests in Japan.

Representatives of companies who had pre-war property in Japan would be admitted subject to conditions that repeated operation of such property interests would contribute to the accomplishment of the objective of the occupation.

The text of the FEC trade decision reads as follows:

1. Japan's foreign trade should be conducted so as to foster development and a balanced growth of Japanese foreign trade to a level consistent with Japan's needs as defined by the Far Eastern Commission and to encourage an increase in Japanese exports.

2. In addition to Allied trade representatives whose entry to Japan has been or may be approved, persons in the following categories should be permitted to reside in Japan: merchants and other traders (including representatives of commercial organizations, governmental and otherwise) prepared to purchase or to make arrangements for future purchases of potential exports or to provide raw materials or other commodities which Japan must import; representatives of banks, insurance companies, airlines, shipping and other companies; representatives, companies or individuals who have pre-war property interests in Japan.

3. Nothing in this policy decision is to be understood as requiring the re-opening or operation of factories in Japan.

4. There should be no discrimination against any foreign trade representative or businessman in Japan and all should be accorded equality of opportunity to transact business.

Accommodations should be allocated to such persons entering Japan under the provisions of this policy decision on an impartial basis.

5. The Yen acquired by foreign traders should be usable for local expenditures in accordance with the laws and regulations enforced in Japan.

Direct Access

6. The Supreme Commander may impose port and service charges on foreign vessels entering Japanese ports for commercial purposes.

7. The persons referred to in Paragraph 2 should be afforded the opportunity for direct access to individual Japanese firms of their own choosing and should have the opportunity to move freely in Japan subject only to the availability of transport and accommodation.

Any regulations pertaining to participation of firms or government agencies whether Japanese or foreign in foreign trade should be non-discriminatory in character and confined to measures essential in achieving the principles and objectives set forth in this policy and should be based on the system established by and under the supervision of SCAP.

8. A foreign cable may be conducted by the Japanese government or agency up to an extent deemed by the Supreme Commander to be necessary for the achievement of the maximum export proceeds or for other purposes consistent with the principles and objectives stated in this policy.

9. An exchange rate for the Yen should be established as soon as practicable.—United Press.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

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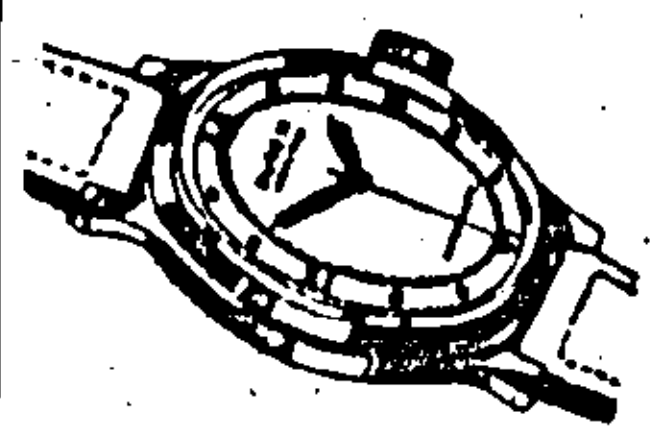
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Permission has been given for a Referee v Combined Press Soccer match to be played as a curtain raiser to the Governor's Cup match on Sunday next, December 12.

On November 8, a match was played between the Referees and the Chinese Press before the annual Poppy Day Match. The game ended in a draw, neither side scoring.

Chinese "Y" Beat Recreio At Badminton

In the only match in the Senior Men's Doubles League on Monday, the Chinese YMCA defeated Recreio by 3 games to 1. Full scores were:

1. H. Wong and Robert Tay beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Silva 21-13, 21-13.
2. J. E. Rodrigues and H. F. Goncalves beat 21-13, 21-13.
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The sporting declaration by L. D. Kilbee, Club "Optimists" captain, who thought 131 for 6 was a good enough score against Recreio at King's Park on Saturday, cost his side three points.

Club batted first and against some steady bowling, there were some slow in coming. Little, opening the innings, put together 33 in a stolid knock, while Howard top-scored with 56. The latter played some pretty shots in the course of his innings and treated all but Spotty Pereira (who was the most successful Recreio bowler with 5 for 47) with scant respect.

Recreio lost L. G. Gosano early, but after Prata and Gerry Gosano got together, there was never any doubt about the result, as these batsmen went for the runs in right royal fashion.

Prata played better cricket than he had done so far this season, while Gerry came off with a characteristic innings—and that means, of course, he was aggressive throughout. They made 43 and 55 respectively, while Eddie Gosano put the issue beyond doubt with a rapid 28, not out. Nolasco Silva also helping with a useful 11 (also not out).

IRC Dobacle

The match between Club "Scorpions" and Indian IRC which was expected to produce some good cricket proved a great disappointment for IRC supporters in that the latter failed miserably. "Scorpions" batted first and again Stokes came off with a fine knock, putting together 45, while Alice Pearce showed a glimpse of his real form with 53 before being caught behind the stumps by Issued off Kitchell.

Pearce declared the innings closed when the "telegraph" showed 160 for 6 and, faced with this total, the Indians could only scratch together 58. It was a debacle from the word "go" when Nazaria was bowled neck and crop by Clague for a "duck". S. A. Jamil showed that he can still stay in till the cows come home by batting stubbornly for half-an-hour, during which time he scored eight runs, and it was left to A. R. Sufiad to top score with 17, while S. H. Khan helped with 10 to be the only other bats to reach double figures.

Clague was in devastating form with the ball as his figures 11-6-3-4 show. Pearce followed up his fine batting performance with an equally fine piece of bowling, taking three wickets at the cost of four runs apiece.

I fully expected Craigengower to take the points from Army and

Sunday's Hockey Fixtures

HK Police v RAF, King's Park, 10 a.m. Umpires: S. B. Poon and P. F. X. Miller.

Civil Service v Cable and Wireless, King's Park (YMCA), 10 a.m. Umpires: Mr. Merritt and H. R. Miller.

Dutch HC v Army, Sookunpo, 10 a.m. Umpires: G. T. Palmer and Y. S. Gator.

Dockyard HC v Khalsa, King's Park, 10 a.m. Umpires: D. T. Smith and Mr. Duce.

Club de Recreio v YMCA, King's Park, 10 a.m. Umpires: J. S. Grawal and SECPO Shaw.

University v Navy, postponed until Sunday, December 19.

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (30361 Ex. 117) before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of 10 minutes' delay will be allowed.

Will umpires please notify results of matches by phone as soon as possible after the match.

Club secretaries of all civilian teams are requested to forward to the secretary, SBPO Yeo, main, P.O. Mess, HMS Tamar before January 1, a complete nominal list of all players registered with their club.

HONG KONG HOCKEY ASSOCIATION LEAGUE TABLE

Club	P	W	D	L	Pts
Navy	9	6	2	1	17
Army	9	5	3	1	12
Khalsa	8	5	1	2	11
University	10	5	1	4	11
Civil Service	8	4	3	1	11
Dutch	10	4	3	3	10
HK Police	8	3	4	1	10
RAF	10	3	4	3	10
YMCA	9	3	4	2	10
Dockyard HC	9	1	0	8	2
Cable & Wireless	10	1	0	9	2

KCC LINE-UPS

For their league cricket match against the Optimists at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground on Saturday, the KCC will be represented by R. E. Lee (capt), E. C. Fincher, J. Barrow, W. D. M. Webb, A. J. Zimmerman, F. D. Zimmerman, N. Hart Baker, M. J. Divercha, G. E. Taylor, C. J. Smith and J. H. Hewitt.

Umpire, C. J. Merritt, scorer, J. P. Robinson.

The KCC second team will entertain the Indian Recreation Club in a friendly match at Cox's Road. The team is S. A. Gray (capt), E. A. J. Hancock, S. C. Trueman, E. Randall, J. W. Tattersall, W. Davidson, R. Leigh, V. H. White, D. G. White, V. C. Bond and H. E. Matthews. Reserve, G. R. Rosslet.



His Excellency, the Governor, is shown entering Queen's Theatre last night for the gala performance of Sir Laurence Olivier's "Hamlet."—China Mail Photo.

Star Class Yachts Getting Ready For Christmas Races

With Christmas only two clear week-ends away, the Star Class yachts at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club are concentrating on getting the new suits of sails stretched in time. Last Saturday and all day Sunday Stars were out with their new sails, including Alioth, the 7th Star, which has recently been refitted.

It is still necessary to get in about another 40 hours of stretching on these sails before they will be anything like ready and, as already said, there are only two week-ends in which to do it. Club members are therefore urged to make the most of the time available in sail stretching during the week and the week-ends.

The first heats of the Christmas Regatta Championship in the Open Dinghy Class and in the Open Star class will probably have to be raced on December 18 and December 19, leaving just the semi-finals and finals during the Christmas Regatta itself.

Therefore, members are reminded that all entries for the Dinghy and Star events must be made to the Secretary not later than Monday, December 13. There will be one Ladies race during the Regatta, probably on Saturday, December 19, but it is necessary to cancel or postpone the Ladies race at present scheduled for December 18. Further statement on this will be made very shortly.

Jubilees and Dragons will have three races during the Regatta, two on Sunday and one on Monday afternoon. On Monday afternoon also will be held the annual Trevesa Trophy race organised this year, as before, by Commander R.A.C. Breching, RNR. Details of the Trevesa Trophy race are being sent to all shipping offices and it is hoped that every member of the Club will put her lifeboat in for this race so that the record entry of 13 lifeboats two years ago can be exceeded this year.

Monday morning of the Regatta, that is December 27, is reserved for the two main Club events as opposed to individual Championship events.

These consist of—first, a team race with 10 boats a side between the Club Team and a Combined Services Team, and secondly, a new introduction—a relay race. It is hoped to have four to five teams in the relay race, each team consisting of one Dragon, one Jubilee, one Star and one Dinghy and each team will sail one lap in each Class boat handing over a suitably sized baton at the end of each lap.

Entries for the Jubilee and Dragon events will be made through the "Association Secretaries" in the normal way. Once again members are reminded that they must get their names down for the Dinghy and Star events before Monday, December 13.

First Hoots

It is hoped to publish the draw of the first heats during the course of next week and in any case competitors are advised to ring up the Secretary next Thursday or Friday to find out if they are racing in a preliminary heat on December 18 or December 19. Last week-end there were three team races, which were won by the Lowe, Bingham and Matthews team, Jardine's team and the Cable and Wireless team. Cable and Wireless, in their event, defeated the Cruiser Squadron team for the first time in this league. Team race fixtures for this coming weekend are as follows:

Woodcock Wins Fight At Savold Disqualified

London, December 6.

Bruce Woodcock, British 28-year-old heavyweight champion, tonight went a step nearer to his ambition for a title fight with Joe Louis for the world heavyweight crown.

Woodcock beat his American opponent, Lee Savold, at Harringay Arena, but it was only on the disqualification of the American.

It was a most unsatisfactory ending to what might have become quite a good contest, although it began tamely enough.

For many a long day there will be arguments among the 12,000 persons who paid £25,000 to watch this brief encounter as to whether the blow which the American landed at the start of the fourth round was low or not.

Woodcock went down like a bullet, grovelling in the centre of the ring in apparent pain, with his face contorted.

The American camp were not at all satisfied with the referee's decision, believing the blow was not a low one.

The crowd seemed to agree with the American point of view as there were loud boos when Woodcock left the ring and a big outburst of applause as the American stepped out.

The blow which did the damage was a hard short punch to the pit of the stomach, and was half as good as the Americans claimed, it would probably have put down any boxer in the world.

Savold Unlucky

Several British boxing writers at the ringside took the view that the punch was just right and that the American was extremely unlucky to suffer disqualification. He had, however, been previously warned at the end of the third round for an alleged low blow just as the bell went.

Almost immediately before it, Savold had sent Woodcock down for a count of eight with a right to the head.

Although Woodcock was bleeding from both nostrils and Savold was hardly marked, the British boxer had done all the attacking and was ahead on points.

Woodcock was helped in agony to the dressing room and even after a shower and attention, his face was still screwed up in pain as he lay resting on a form.

"I was confident all the way through, and had the fight progressed further I was sure I would still have won," he said.

Savold was adamant that he did not deliver his blow to an illegal area and said: "I would like to meet Woodcock again any time."

Warned Once

It was a particularly unhappy ending for the dour Yorkshireman as up to the end of the third round he was ahead on points in a fight in which there had been little action. However, Savold who had been growling round the ring like a brown bear while the more nervous British did most of the attacking, appeared to be hiding his time.

Indeed, at the end of the third round he sent Woodcock to the boards for a count of eight with a right to the side of the head.

Although it was not a very hard punch and Woodcock could have risen earlier, it obviously took some of the steam out of the Briton who had been bleeding from the nostrils, as a result of short left jabs, from the second round.

Savold had earlier been warned for hitting low when, just on the bell at the end of the third round, after Woodcock had risen from his knock-down, he appeared to hit the Briton below the belt.

The referee certainly thought so and went over to the American's corner to warn him.

The referee, Sam Russell, without any hesitation sent Savold to his corner and awarded the fight to Woodcock.

Biggest Faker

Bill Daly, Savold's manager, leaped into the ring and shouted, "This is murder."

He yelled to ringside reporters "Woodcock is the biggest faker in prize fight history. The guy was all set up for a knock-out and he goes down whining from a light punch."

After the fight, Russell, explaining why he ruled Savold out, said: "There was no other decision I could make. If Woodcock had got up, I would probably have warned Savold but with Woodcock lying in agony on the canvas, I had no alternative but to stop the fight."

Woodcock Gets Bad Write-Ups

London, December 7.

Although he won his heavyweight contest against the American, Lee Savold, on a foul at Harringay arena here last night, Bruce Woodcock, the British heavyweight champion, received a bad press this morning.

The majority of the boxing writers were of the opinion that Woodcock's showing lost him the chance of ever fighting Joe Louis for the world title, and were practically all agreed that had the fight been staged in America, Savold would have won on a knock-out because of the "no foul" rule employed there.

Many consider that the alleged foul blow, which ended the contest, was a borderline punch and had it been an exceptionally low blow, it could not have hurt Woodcock seriously owing to the protection cup he was wearing, the same type used by American boxers.

The Press Association quoted Sam Russell, the referee, as saying: "If Woodcock had got up unhurt, I would have probably warned Savold but with Woodcock in agony on the canvas, I had no alternative but to stop the fight."

Frank Butler of the Daily Express said: Savold could not have lost the fight except by disqualification. He added that the American had answered the 20-month-old query whether Woodcock could take a punch to the chin and the answer was No.

Arthur Kline of the Daily Mirror, said that this second fight, in Bruce Woodcock's comeback campaign proved to be as big a farce as his first against the American, Lee Oma.

Still Contender

In Chicago, Joe Louis told reporters that he still considers Savold a leading contender for the world title. He said: "I don't think losing on a foul will stop Savold from being ranked among the leading heavyweights."

Louis added: "I am very surprised that Savold was disqualified for a low punch. The rule must be different in London. It would not happen in this country."

The London correspondent of the New York Times, commenting on the billing of the fight as the elimination contest for the world heavyweight title, said that neither contestant would last very long in the same ring with Louis.

"To ring-siders, the fight proved that if ever there is a championship for one-armed performers, Woodcock would be right up there," the writer added.

The News Chronicle boxing writer, Gerard Walter, however, is of the opinion that Woodcock was ahead on points when the fight ended—an opinion which was also shared by the boxing correspondent of the Times who, however, added that the form shown by the British boxer no longer encouraged the hope of victory.—Reuter.

JAP GENDARME TO BE CHARGED

Sergeant-Major Yokohata Toshiro, of the former Shung-hai Japanese Kempeitai, attached to the 1st Bluffs, will be charged before a War Crimes Tribunal tomorrow, at Lyemun Barracks.

Accused is charged with having been concerned in the ill-treatment of Messrs. Henry Forsythe Pringle, Alexander Haindrava, L. Roy Healy, Morris Joseph Souleitch, Boris S. Frank, the Reverend Mr. W. H. Hudson, Kenneth William Johnston and William Slado Bungay.

The ill-treatment is alleged to have taken place in the cells of the Headquarters of the Shanghai Kempeitai at the Bridge House in Shanghai.

The discussion, announced to be held at the YMCA this evening on "Radio, Past, Present and Future," has been postponed until January 10. The speakers will include Mr. D. Keith Hardy, Mr. Frank Harris, Mrs. Linda Carter, Mr. L. Starbuck and Mr. Robert Bruce of the British Council.

Statement On Flight Service

The British Overseas Airways Corporation office in Hong Kong yesterday issued a statement regarding the weekly flying boat service between Singapore and Hong Kong via Bangkok which will be suspended from December 14, so that the aircraft can be used for evacuation from Shanghai.

The actual position, said BOAC, is that permission has been received from London to suspend the Singapore service temporarily, but no effective date has yet been fixed for the commencement of the Shanghai service.

Judgment In Appeal Case Delivered

Judgment was delivered in favour of the respondents at the conclusion of hearing of an appeal yesterday before a Full Court of Appeal comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and Mr. Justice Wicks (Additional Judge).

The appeal was against an order by Mr. Justice Reynolds on August 10, was made by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi instructed by Mr. Peter Sin on behalf of the "Shing Tak Fung" who were the appellants.

One of the grounds of the appeal was that the judge was wrong in referring the application of the appellants to amend their appeal.

The respondent claimed by way of cross-appeal that the order of Mr. Justice Reynolds, which was related to an eviction order made by a Tenancy Tribunal on April 14 in respect of 61 Jervois Street (the premises under dispute), be reversed insofar as it was directed that the cross-appeal of respondent be dismissed and that judgment on the cross appeal be entered for the respondent.

In passing judgment, after legal argument on both sides had been given, Sir Gibson ordered the premises to be delivered to the respondents within 10 days.

Engineer Of 'San Antonio' Laid To Rest

Mr. W. Tofteund, Norwegian chief engineer of the Panamanian freighter San Antonio, was buried at the Colonial Cemetery yesterday.

Pastor Nielsen performed the traditional Norwegian service at the graveside.

The Norwegian Consul, Mr. E. Ulstrup, Captain A. Warild, Captain Loedemhl, Mr. Glatred of Wallem and Company, owners of the ship, Mr. Hans E. Hansen of the S. S. Briss, and Mr. Blomsoe Janson attended the funeral.

The service was given by John Manners and Company and Wallem and Company.

Arrangements for the funeral were made by Wallem and Company.

Mr. Tofteund met his death when his cabin caught fire while the San Antonio was about 150 miles from Hong Kong, on her way to Korea.

Police, meanwhile, are investigating.

The San Antonio, formerly the Chinese freighter Kwok Sing, was to have left late last night.

APPLICATION REJECTED

An application for a food factory licence at No. 138 Prince Edward Road, ground floor, Kowloon, was rejected by the Urban Council at its fortnightly meeting yesterday.

The reason given for the rejection was that the premises were unsuitable in that they were congested and the yard obstructed.

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